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Worth Checking Out

Where it all began

A ceremony dedicating a plaque commemorating at the site where Wilhelm Rust opened his blacksmith shop, which ultimately led to the founding of El Cerrito (initially called Rust) will be held by the El Cerrito Historical Society today at 2 p.m. at Pastime Hardware.

Albany Hill's Friends

Friends of Albany Hill hold their fall meeting Tuesday Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 1249 Main Ave. Planning for the restoration project and an education lecture series are on the agenda. On Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the group will hold an Urban Forestry Day. Meet at the Jackson Street turnaround on the north side of the hill. Details: 528-3236.

Albany High planning

A special meeting to solicit public input on design features of the new Albany High School main building and gymnasium will be held by the Albany Unified School District Board of Education on Saturday Sept. 20 at 9 a.m. in the high school's Little Theater.

The Big One is coming

No, not an earthquake—a BOOK quake. The Friends of the El Cerrito Public Library holds its annual Book Sale Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 21, noon to 4 p.m. at the El Cerrito Public Library at 6510 Stockton St. Find bestsellers, mysteries, science fiction, children's books, along with books on travel, philosophy, gardening, computers, history, all at low prices. Come early for best selection. Details: Thom Stark 526-9600, or Eileen Leon 526-5116.

Treat for opera lovers

The Friends of the Kensington Library present an opera lecture on Thursday, Sept. 25, 1997 at 7 p.m. when Kensington resident Michael Barclay of Opera Education International will discuss Richard Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman" at the Kensington Community Center above the Library at 61 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Admission Free. Details: 525-9604.

49er Ice Cream Social

Niner favorites Bubba Paris and Keeno Turner are at the Berkeley & Cafe, 1561 Solano Ave., on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of a fundraiser for Christmas in April. There'll be autographs, ice cream and a chance to win an autographed 1997 game ball.

Oom-pah-pah

Head to Colusa Circle on Oct. 5 from noon to 5 p.m. for bratwurst, potato salad, hot dogs, sodas, and (yep) beer at the second annual Kensington Lions Club Oktoberfest. There will be music by Ottmar Stubler and the Pretzel Benders, a dunk tank, petting zoo, pony rides and balloons for the kids. Details: 527-8298.

Pre-schoolers' storytime

Don't miss pre-school storytime (ages 3 to 5) with Suzi Sargent at the Albany Library. The new Wednesday evening series begins at 7 p.m. on Sept. 24 and continues through Nov. 5.

AAUW meeting

The Richmond-El Cerrito branch of the American Association of University Women meets Sept. 20, when Dr. Marilyn Ney, professor of teacher education emeritus at Cal-State Hayward discusses the Read Aloud program she initiated last year. Details or membership: 525-5069.

Join the Cub Scouts

Boys and adult partner interested in joining the Cub Scouts are invited to an informational meeting Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave. Albany. Details: 524-9274.

Book sale

As part of the very first Kensington "Day in the Park", the Friends of the Kensington Library will hold a book sale in the area behind the library. Sunday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A day to wrangle, chat and clear out garage clutter

El Cerrito's eighth City-wide Garage Sale is Oct. 4

By Peter Orne

Early on the day of the El Cerrito City-Wide Garage Sale, eager bargain hunters and dealers from around the region station their cars at the foot of driveways and impatiently sit.

"If people show up early, I just tell them to wait," said Alberta Cooper, 81, an annual participant in the sale.

But what about the scavengers who show up at day's end and won't take no for an answer? "Some women came, and they waited till the end, which is the other way around," Cooper said, recalling last year's sale.

"There were these real nice belts, and these women wanted them for 15 cents. I marked them for 50. They couldn't see why I wouldn't give, and they got real annoyed, and

I said, 'I'm not going to give in.'"

"In this case, you might as well just say, 'Well, lady, would you like me to give it to you?' But that's not what we're doing here," Cooper said, "and I didn't think 50 cents was too much." If you hang out your shingle — or like Cooper, a balloon — for this year's City-Wide Garage Sale on Oct. 4, you may

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Tips for a Successful Yard Sale

Submitted by Alva Tamura, a Harding School parent and participant in the upcoming school's Mega Flea Market on Saturday, Oct. 4 (call Diana at 527-5833 for details)..

1. Advertise at busy intersections with large signs.

Remember to collect signs after the sale. If you run an ad list major items i.e. kids clothes, bikes, dining set.

2. Price items.

Customers are more comfortable seeing a price tag. A reasonable place to start may be 10 percent of the new sticker price depending on the condition and the demand of your "treasure."

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Planet Solano: Quite habitable



Jeff Lindquist

Brazilian dance group Some Tribal Sounds provided its own rhythms as members danced along the parade route in exotic if somewhat scanty attire.

Neither rain nor transit strike could slow the 23rd annual Solano Stroll.

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY/BERKELEY — Blasting off in search of an experience which would prove out of this world, area residents by the tens of thousands descended on Planet Solano last Sunday for the 23rd annual Solano Avenue Stroll.

Though a heavy blanket of clouds and the occasional pattering of rain threatened to throw a damper on day's events, the weather remained for the most part benevolent and the intergalactic festivities went on. With attractions ranging from the always-popular parade to the literally hundreds of musicians, dancers and vendors who lined Solano from The Alameda clear to San Pablo Avenue, visitors shook off the poor weather — and whatever else may have deterred them from coming — and showed up in force for Albany/Berkeley's favorite community event.

"It was really packed," said Lisa Bullwinkel, executive director of the Solano Avenue Association. "The rain and the BART strike did not deter people as I thought it would."

Led by "Solano Man" (Sam Fishman) — Planet Solano's Grand Martian himself — events kicked off with the always-eclectic parade, with everything from the Royal Scottish Country Dancers to the Dogs by Dianne Annual Dog Parade. Those wishing to catch a glimpse of their elected leaders could see Albany Mayor Bob Good, who, bearing a sort of radio antennae-style headpiece,



Jeff Lindquist

Noah Dickman-Koeppell, age 10 of Berkeley, braves his stomach and his equilibrium on the California Police Activities League's 'Circulator.'

waved to the crowd from his convertible with the enthusiasm of a creature not of this world, or Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean, who chose to walk the route in a more traditional garb, flanked by perhaps a dozen sign-bearing supporters.

There were Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts

and the Bay Area Steppers, the first prize-winning orbiting planets of the Bicycle Friendly Berkeley Coalition and a visit from Albany Citizen of the Year Frank Jensen. Persons hailing from the northern-

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El Cerrito's cancelled TV show may go back on air

■ Resumption of televised council meetings is under study, even though cost is a concern.

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO—The City Council is considering televising City Council meetings again, despite a tight budget and concerns over public conduct.

At the beginning of March, 1997, the council suspended television coverage because of financial reprioritizing. The city began televising El Cerrito-related events instead, such as the Prince of Wales Institute presentation and the upcoming programs, "What is the General Plan Update?" and "How can homeowners prepare for a wet winter?"

Another, less publicly stated reason for suspended coverage seems to be some council members' frustration with what they call citizen "grand-standing" or playing to the cameras.

Some citizens see this as the primary reason for suspended coverage, saying the council pulled the meetings off the air in order to silence certain citizens' dissatisfaction with the council's decisions.

At a recent city council meeting several people, city council members and citizens alike, spoke out in favor of once again televising the meetings.

In a prepared statement, El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Manager Sewall Glinternick said restoring

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Kindergarten class sizes will shrink

By Emily Lundberg

ALBANY—Despite concerns over space and money, the Albany Unified School District took its cue from the state this month, implementing class size reduction in kindergarten.

The district's main concern last year over implementing class-size reduction in 1st and 2nd grades was the shortage of facilities. While they were successful in implementing class-size reduction in 1st and 2nd grades, they were unsuccessful in implementing class-size reduction in kindergarten.

Superintendent Dale Hudson called this year's expansion of the program a mixed blessing. "Every district in the state is fixed with both pluses and minuses to this program," he said. "But we all agree we have to take every opportunity to lower class size, to the advantage of both students and teachers."

Based on the district's already severe facilities shortage, the school board limited their discussion to kindergarten. In order to implement class-size reduction in kindergarten, the district would need fewer classes than they would to implement the program in the 3rd-grade. The district is retaining class-size reduction in 1st- and 2nd-grades.

In order to implement class-size reduction in kindergarten, the district would need to add three new rooms in order to gain four new classes. After several brain storming sessions, the administration came up with possibilities for three new spaces.

One of the new classes, an afternoon kindergarten class, could be accommodated at MacGregor, where "Cedars," a Children's Center day care class was last year. The Cedars' class would be moved to a shared portable.

Another class could be accommodated at Cornell in

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Candidates' Forum

A program for renewing district schools and raising test scores

By Brian Leary

Many local residents recognize that our local public school district, the West Contra Costa Unified School District, has had discouraging standardized educational test results for a long time. Unfortunately, few solutions have been offered or implemented to improve the very low test scores. Other school districts with low educational performance have implemented programs for identifying and renewing low performing public schools, which have proven very effective in significantly raising their test scores.

The District's educational performance has been mediocre for quite a period of time. On tests for high school students considering college, the District's Math SAT Scores have slipped from being above State (+2.1 percent) and national (+2.5 percent) averages in 1985 to being approximately 5 percent below state and national averages in 1997. The District's Verbal SAT scores in 1985 were 1.6 percent under state and 2.7 percent under national scores. In 1997, the District's verbal SAT scores were 7.6 percent under state and 9.6 percent below national averages.

In 1994, the District's California Learning Assessment System (CLAS) results confirmed the low educational performance of the School District. In comparison to similar school districts with a similar student body makeup, the District scored between 5 and 29 percent lower in reading, writing and math in Grades 4, 8 and 12. The 1994 CLAS results showed that only one high school (out of 12) and only three (out of 37) elementary schools had above average results in all three areas. None (out of 5) of the middle schools had any test scores above average.

Despite attempts to downplay these results by the District, local residents know better. In June, 1996, the District conducted a survey that showed nearly 50 percent of the residents thought the quality of public had "gotten worse" in the last five years; less than 10 percent of residents thought the quality had improved.

The survey showed that 41 percent of the residents thought that the present quality of the schools was below average or poor; only 9 percent thought that it was excellent or above average. Residents were not optimistic about the future either. The survey showed 46 percent of residents thought the schools were headed in the wrong direction; only 31 percent thought that the schools were headed in the right direction.

Reform-minded successful educators have pointed out two recent trends that have developed in the last generation that may lie at the root of the performance problem: ineffective teaching techniques and lack of accountability for results.

'Renewing' schools

To effectively address these root causes of low education performance and raise test scores, some school districts have developed a program for identifying low performing schools and renewing them if they do not improve. This is how a school renewal program works. Each school in the district is fairly rated on its education performance using appropriate factors. Besides test scores, factors such as student suspensions and transfer requests in or out of the school can be analyzed.

The lowest 10 percent of the schools in the District are then put on notice that their educational performance must be significantly improved in the next year. The Dis-

trict then gives these schools special attention to develop a plan to better educate their student populations. If the school does not improve significantly, then the school will be renewed (In San Francisco, they use the term "reconstitution"). This may occur to staffs of very talented individuals that for some reason, (lack of leadership, chemistry, or just plain effort), just could not work together as a team to achieve results.

In a school renewal process, the school is first "closed" after the last day of the school year. The entire staff at the site, from the janitor to the principal, will be placed temporarily in a redeployment pool. A new principal will be selected for the site, who will then hire everyone at the site. The new principal will hire persons that will implement her/his plan to improve educational results for that school community. Many of the incumbents are typically re-hired. Staff morale will be optimistic at the site for the first time in many years, as they prepare to implement their new approach at the site. The School Board should not dictate the methods to be used to improve results - that should be left to the professionals that are hired and held accountable for results. The employees not hired back at the site will be retrained and redeployed in another school in the district.

Next, a portion of the District's capital improvement funds will be targeted at the site to physically renew the school plant over the summer. Painting, upgrading computer labs, installing new floors, re-roofing, and other projects to show that things have really changed at that school site will be accomplished. After all the changes, the school site could be renamed. For example, Helms Middle School could be renamed "Helms Academy" if it were to go through this process. After the school district has invested its resources in this process, it would then announce to the community, that if any parent desired to send their child to the renewed school, they would have to sign a contract, agreeing to participate in the school for a minimum of 15 hours per year. In the districts implementing these school site renewals, they have had a waiting list of parents who desire to put their child into these renewed schools.

This type of program will make news, and people will have strong opinions on this process. This news will show the community and young families thinking of moving or staying in the area, that the School District is changing the way it does business, and will no longer allow a poor performing school to operate here.

Some critics of this type of plan claim the school site renewal process is too harsh on the staff. It is difficult to understand this criticism when no one loses their job, teachers not picked back at the school site get retrained, and the site working conditions are improved for everyone.

Others state: "The unions will never allow this to happen." This is underestimating unions. Typical unions are concerned with salaries, which are not affected by this program, working conditions, which are improved, and membership counts, which should be increased as more parents send their children to "renewed public schools." In addition union members will likely end up with a better site administrator.

School superintendents from San Francisco, Bakersfield, and Sanger Unified School Districts presented their positive results on school site renewal programs in an ASCA con-

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Letters to the Editor

Story behind 'holdout house'

Editor:

No, Ms. Viani, the picturesque old exterior mentioned in your letter of 9/4/97 did not save Mr. Berry's old house on what is now Home Depot property, because the interior was in such bad shape the shell was not worth saving. Several years ago Councilwoman Bartke suggested the E.C. Historical Society try to obtain the house and move it, "rehabbing" if necessary. Since then we

1) Interviewed Mr. Berry in his back yard, and learned only that his "heirs would one day take over."

2) Made interim contacts with Home Depot and county officials asking about cash grants to defray possible moving and rehab expenses.

3) Contacted a local architect, who volunteered consultancy.

4) Tried in vain to inspect the home interior, but were forced to wait for estate settlement and acquisition by the new owner.

5) Kept the problem on our meeting agenda and in our quarterly bulletin report.

6) Became involved in the effort to preserve the Navellier home.

7) Maintained our master list of oldest homes.

Meanwhile, two other "deals" that might have provided us with a headquarters site and space for exhibits fell through. The city still holds in custody a large sum of money, donated anonymously, to be used only for space in a remodeled or a new City Hall, in which we would have our much needed space for local history.

We welcome new members. For more information please contact members of our Executive Committee: Lucille Irish, Eileen Leon, Grace MacNeil or Verne Odlin. We also welcome "oldtimer interviews" and "items".

Art Schroeder
Chairperson
El Cerrito Historical Society

Let's get our tax money the right way

Editor:

Has a single resident of El Cerrito spoken in favor of the PDG development?

Over the years I have opposed repeatedly in letters and at council meetings the PDG development because it is "big box." Now we have a more cogent reason for abandoning this bad plan: suggestions from the Prince of Wales' Institute to locate parking (especially non-resident parking) west of San Pablo, to create mixed use development that includes a beautiful landscaped area, and some intermediate multi-family housing that will serve as a buffer between the shops and nearby established residential neighborhoods.

The reason our beloved city and its beleaguered leaders fall prey to greedy corporations who pander studies in ugliness is that we need the tax revenue. Instead of letting ugliness happen, let us

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and to all of us.
Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

Victory with dubious appeal

Editor:

I find it amusing that the City of Albany and Ladbroke claimed victory in the citizens' lawsuit against their cardclub proposed for Golden Gate Fields. I find it even more amusing that they have appealed the appellate court's ruling to the Supreme Court.

If the court's ruling was in their favor, why, then, are Albany and Ladbroke appealing it? I suspect, after reading the ruling, that they've got nothing left to lose — it's their last, desperate resort.

Jerri Holan
Albany

Housing doesn't preclude retail

Editor:

Over a thousand signatures were recently collected on a petition opposing the construction of housing on the El Cerrito Plaza site. The petition said simply "We, the undersigned residents of El Cerrito, oppose the construction of housing at the plaza. Such housing would cause the loss of sales tax revenue to the city resulting in either increased taxes or reduced services." A version circulated among local residents outside of El Cerrito stated "Such housing would reduce the space available for business and parking."

It is a mistake to assume that the choice for the Plaza has to be either housing or stores. Or that the presence of housing would reduce the intensity of commercial development. Such an assumption undercuts the plaza's potential. Combining housing and retail has proven to be a very successful combination in other development projects around the country. The example of Mizner Park in Boca Raton, Florida comes to mind.

In the mid-'80s the site was a

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Election Notes

The 'Call for Civility,' Part II

Compiled by Chris Treadway, editor

Last week's call for civility in the El Cerrito City Council race brought responses from council candidates (Mark Friedman and Stark), who both pledged to honor the Council contender Janet Abelson. The latest to check in on the civility issue, writing this letter:

Editor:

Lori Dair and Mike Dailey recently called for El Cerrito citizens, candidates and alike to adopt a "pledge of civility." I wish to publicly go on record as having signed a pledge to conduct my campaign for the El Cerrito City Council in a civil manner the date that I turned in my papers (Jan. 1997). I have attached a copy of that pledge to the City of El Cerrito to all candidates.

I support Lori Dair and Mike Dailey asking other citizens, especially those running on political campaigns and participating in public meetings, to also honor such a pledge. I think that it is every citizen's right to express his or her opinion. I also think that it is every citizen's responsibility to do so in an honest, respectful manner. The current discord at City Council meetings would be greatly reduced if everyone honored such a pledge.

The code says the candidates will not permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander or "vilious attacks" on other candidates or families, and includes promises not to permit any dishonest or unethical practices and to repudiate any support deriving from any group or individual using the tactics the signing candidate pledges to use.

Abelson and City Councilmember Brusatori have received the endorsement of the Contra Costa Chapter of the National Political Conference, which met at the Sizzler last week to consider the candidates' women candidates for city councils and boards in the county. The chapter, 250 members strong, is the largest in the state and the largest in the U.S.

Abelson's candidacy also has the endorsement of incumbent Mayor Norma Jellison, who is not seeking reelection. Jellison said she wasn't making endorsements of any candidates.

Jellison, meanwhile, said she has "nothing" once she leaves office. The last years in public service, while rewarding, have been wearing, she says, especially her term when issues have been notably contentious.

Not that Jellison will be idle. Her husband, a contracted property leasing consultant in U.S. Postal Service covers Northern California rather large area for those who just cannot perform their duties have often meant traveling remote parts of the state, then hustling home a Monday night meeting in her "part-time" role.

Council candidate J.J. DiIorio, who was the lucky marble from the attendance pot of last week's El Cerrito Rotary Club session, won \$85, "Campaign funds," called one of the assembled. DiIorio, unlike Jellison, says he has encountered a lot of support for adding housing on new development at the Plaza and will hear more opinions (526-8318).

The Brian Leary for School Board Committee is holding a fundraiser for their date on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Miller/Knox Regional Shopping Center. Little Louie's Restaurant of Point Richmond will provide food and recording artists Red Line musical entertainment. KBLX radio personality Leslie Stoval is scheduled to appear. The party is taking I-580 or the Richmond Parkway to the Richmond and traveling through the Point Richmond Tunnel. The park is on the immediate on the other side of the tunnel. Members of

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City's setback a ray of hope to Plaza merchants

Withdrawal of the city's chosen developer spurs hope development will take a different course.

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO—Last week, the redevelopment agency announced that the preferred El Cerrito Plaza developer had "lost interest" in developing the Plaza. Days later, Plaza merchants reacted to the news either happily, hoping the process will be fast-tracked if the current

Plaza owners take the project on, or hesitantly, favoring a wait-and-see attitude.

This summer, Wilton Partners, the chosen Plaza developer, began hedging on the Plaza development. While city officials attributed Wilton's reluctance to various causes, the threat of an escalating land price and the redevelopment agency's inability to provide sufficient financial backing have been most frequently cited.

Plaza jeweler V.G. White declined to speculate, saying, "at this point there are so many rumors going around that I'll believe it when it happens."

Milton Bilak, owner of all the small locations businesses on the site of the 40-year-old mall, as well as the Lucky property, refused to sell his portion of the Plaza to Wilton Partners. While the redevelopment agency said the land was worth \$15 million, Bilak said the land was

worth between \$30 and \$40 million. If Bilak and the Agency had not been able to agree on a price, the issue would have gone to the courts in what would have most likely been a lengthy condemnation process. However, Wilton Partners backed out before the appraisal

came in.

This summer American Stores (Lucky's corporate parent) purchased the Emporium building from Federated. American

Stores has wanted a Lucky superstore at the Plaza for years, and it's generally believed that it purchased the Emporium building not for the space itself, but for the bargaining power it gains.

The logical next step is turning to the current owners, Bilak and

American Stores, for a development plan, said several city council members. City staff, however, is less committal. Community Development Manager Gerry Raycraft said the council and staff had not yet met to discuss the next step.

American Stores and Bilak, however, are meeting frequently, negotiating a development plan. And Plaza merchants are having an informational meeting this week as well.

Generally, plaza merchants seem

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Solano revamp plans reviewed

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—Moving steadily along with its plan for a refurbished Solano Avenue, the City Council this month held an hour-long session to review partially completed engineer's drawings for the project.

The session, which gave council members and city residents a chance to meet the various managers and engineers who will run the project, produced little public comment and a deluge of questions from the council. At present, final plans for the project are scheduled to be completed in November, with construction starting early in 1998.

Though the project's main purpose will be to move Solano's sewers from under the sidewalks and into the street and to construct a storm drain down the avenue, while there, the city plans to enact various other improvements, including wider sidewalks, better streetlights, and larger "bulb-out" areas on corners. The improvements, however, will not come without a cost, as the city will, said Community Development Director Bill Ekern, have to tear up the street from "doorframe to doorframe" to build them.

Among the key obstacles to construction, Ekern said, will be the old Key Route train line running down Solano, a 10-inch-thick bed of concrete that crews will have to break through to lay new pipes. Also, while crews will work as quickly as they can, construction will, at times, possibly hamper access to businesses, although the work will be done in phases to keep the disruption to a minimum.

Albany's last sewer construction project, in the south-east corner of the city, drew much criticism from residents of Peralta Avenue when crews tore whole limbs out of trees with a backhoe. On Solano, the city plans to take a more proactive approach, Ekern said. While city staff did their best to control residents' ire on the last project, this time around Albany will hire a full-time, independent construction manager, who will, start going door-to-door next month to explain upcoming work, and will hold weekly meetings aimed at dealing with whatever problems arise.

Other aspects of the project will include 64 new, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps, 64 pedestrian-friendly street lights, 16 new intersection lights and improved public spaces in four locations, some of that might bear sculptures or other art.



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Though Solano's width will decrease from 32 to 27 feet in most places, the number of parking spaces will not be reduced. Weather permitting, the project will begin in February or March, 1998, with a goal of having the street operational in time for the 1998 Solano Stroll. The plans will, according to Ekern, be 70 percent complete in October,

at which point they will be presented to the public.

Council members had a good deal to say about the project, with Mayor Bob Good kicking off the comments by marveling at the city's ability to rip Solano "into little bits and pieces" and have it put back together in time for the Stroll. "That would be great," Good said.

Councilmember Jon Ely focused his attention on street trees, while Bruce Mast made sure the city would coordinate its efforts with AC Transit so that service to bus stops doesn't suffer.

"I like the idea of dealing with merchants," said Councilmember Peggy Thomsen. "I really like the fact that you guys are addressing that."

Also, Ekern said, the work would most likely proceed in phases, as opposed to a block at a time, meaning crews might very well dig a trench, cover it and move on, then return later to fill it in. And, even if all work is not completed prior to the Stroll, the street will be "traversable," he said, even if it is not as aesthetically pleasing as it will eventually become.

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Kim came to California from Korea in 1978 where he received his MRA from the



Wrap-It-Gourmet Burritos Manager Valentine Carlos and owner Paul Kim.

University of California. He and his wife have a daughter, Sylvia, and a son, Jeffery. In his spare time, which is not much, he maintains an office in Oakland, where he practices his CPA business, sings at his church and admits to be challenged by computers.

Post 292's barbecue steak dinner dance

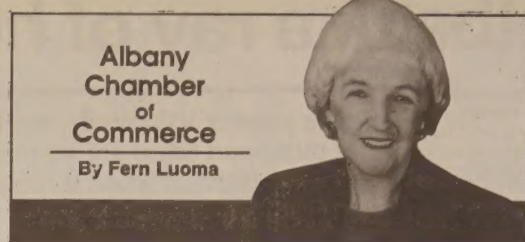
For the best in barbecue steak dinner and country western dance, Albany American Legion Post 292 is sponsoring its annual event this Saturday at the American Legion Building in Memorial Park. Each dinner is \$10 and includes salad, steak, baked potato, corn on the cob picked that morning, vegetables, rolls and dessert. Social hour is 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. when dinner is served.

Make reservations (a must), with Keith Truax, 526-4487,

Gus Graban 526-0397 or Sam Turner, 526-0837. The Bobby Thompson band will play from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Photo contest identities disclosed

In the Aug. 14 Albany tab, three photos appeared without photo identification and the chance for the person who correctly guessed the identity of the people in the old snapshots to win a \$50 bond. Sorry, no one did. Here are the mystery subjects: First was Retired police sergeant Jim Harris, who retired after 33 years of service. Harris lived and raised his



Albany American Legion Post 292 is sponsoring its annual event this Saturday at the American Legion Building in Memorial Park.

family in Albany. Center photo showed the wedding photo of Pat and Mary Neylon (Mary Carlevaro of Mary & Joe's Sporting Goods) and in the right photo was former School Board president and long time school board member Jack Rosano, who also lived and raised his family in Albany.

A bit of Albany history

Albany's first mayor, Frank Roberts, having originally come from Albany, New York, made the proposal to change the name of our town from Ocean View to Albany. This proposal was submitted to the people for their approval and on Nov. 1, 1909,

this change of name was adopted by a vote of 32-6.

On Feb. 12, 1910, a grand ball was given to finance a volunteer fire department. It was a huge success and from the proceeds hose pull carts were purchased for fire protection. Then the city government purchased lumber, etc., and volunteer labor built the first fire house. The first meetings of the City Council as well as other social functions were held in Miller's barn, which had been remodeled. The only paved streets in town at that time were those built by the realty companies operating in town. The only transportation was the car line on San Pablo Avenue.

Events set for local Coastal Cleanup effort



Sept. 20 is Coastal Cleanup Day in California, and there are a pair of local events where residents are invited to come do their part.

Albany Beach cleanup

Albany invites residents to demonstrate environmental stewardship by helping clean Albany Beach behind Golden Gate Fields in order. Go to the west end of Buchanan Street and do your part from 9 to 11 a.m. to protect the local piece of the coast and the Bay. Groups of more than 10 must pre-register. Details: 528-5760.

West County cleanup


Join the West Contra Costa Group of the Sierra Club for its sixth annual Coast Cleanup at Point Isabel Regional Park 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will work on the section of the Bay Trail south of Central Avenue. Sign up at the park district rangers you are with the Sierra Club. They will direct you to the start of this section (past Costco, across from Rydell Road), where you will find leader Phil Maynard. To get to Point Isabel Regional Park from Interstate 80, exit at Central (El Cerrito), and head west to the end of the road.

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Effort to meld widely varied Del Norte visions

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — The second Del Norte Planning Process meeting jerked to a start Sept. 6. After bruising several task force members' toes, the planning process barreled ahead, with citizens hammering out opinions and variations on four alternative developments.

The initial contention was sparked by the plans themselves. A task force meeting had occurred on the Thursday before the Saturday meeting. Only a couple of the task force members could attend, yet those who could made several decisions, among them to reduce the theater option from a 2,000-seat theater to a 1,000-seat theater.

Upon arriving at the Saturday meeting, the two community task force members found many of their changes reversed, including the 1,000-seat theater, brought back up to a 2,000-seat theater.

The plans were screened by City Staff on Friday, said facilitator Carolyn Verheyen. "I told the task force that City Staff was go-

ing to screen the alternatives at the task force meeting on the Thursday," she said.

The two community task force members, Bob Sessler and Rosemary Loubal, said she had not. "I am feeling very disillusioned and manipulated by this process," said Sessler. "If what the community wants is infeasible," said resident Anne Delehunt, "we need to discover that ourselves."

Task force chair and Councilmember Mark Friedman, had not been able to attend the Thursday task force meeting. However, he and the Economic Planning Systems consultant, Jim Musbach, reassured the task force members and the audience that they could change the plans while in their small discussion groups.

The Alternatives

Alternative A1 includes, on the Mayfair site, a four-story building with 207 residential units, over 321 parking spaces. And on the BART site, A1 includes a two-story building, with a 2,000-seat, 12-screen movie theater, with retail, over 930 parking spaces (also

serving BART patrons).

On the Mayfair site, alternative A2 includes a three-story building containing 173 residential units, with 265 parking spaces underneath. The ground floor would contain retail.

On the BART site, alternative A2 contains a two-story building with 225 units of housing. The ground floor would consist of transit-serving retail (dry cleaners, shoe repair, coffee shop) over a 716-space BART-serving parking garage. On the Mayfair site, alternative B consists of a three-story building, holding 173 residential units on the two top floors and retail on the ground floor, all atop 264 parking spaces. On the BART site, alternative B consists of a three- to four-story building with 220,000 square feet of offices on the two- to three-top floors, ground floor retail, and a 838-space, BART-serving underground parking garage.

Alternative C on the Mayfair site includes a three-story building with elder-care and day-care on the two top stories and ground floor retail. Fifty-five parking spaces would lie underneath. Al-

The next Del Norte Planning meeting is Sept. 27 at the Fairmont School Multipurpose Room, 724 Kearney St., from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The financial consultant will analyze the viability of the community-favored plans.

ternative C on the BART site includes a three- to four-story building with office suites and elder-care/child-care on the top two stories and ground floor retail. Underneath, would lie an 857-space underground parking garage.

While the specifics of square footage, residential units and parking spaces sent residents on measurement tangents, the open-ended question of financial feasibility stopped many people in their tracks.

They wanted to know if all of the Del Norte apartments were rented and whether elder-care is even feasible. Day care centers need outdoor play areas, said one resident.

A majority of the residents did not favor A1 or A2. When the facilitator asked whether anyone wanted a theater over 1,000 seats, no one raised their hand. For the most part, residents favored a mix of B and C.

One group came up with an
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Police Reports

Case of the stolen wine solved

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the evening of Sept. 11, employees of a restaurant on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue reported that three males had attempted to steal a case of wine. The witnesses had chased the trio and detained them until officers arrived. The suspects, two Albany male ages 17 and 19 and a Richmond man age 26, were arrested for burglary. The 17-year-old was taken to Juvenile Hall, the 19-year-old was also arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and obstructing an officer and was cited and released; the 26 year old was transported to the Berkeley jail.

• At about 3 a.m. on Sept. 8

officers stopped a 36-year-old Berkeley man for driving his motorcycle recklessly on Marin Avenue near Santa Fe Avenue. He was found to be intoxicated and was arrested, and cited to be released when sober. His motorcycle was impounded.

• On Sept. 8 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that sometime between Saturday and Monday afternoon thieves stole his gray '94 Honda Civic.

• Shortly before midnight on Sept. 8 officers stopped a white '78 Lincoln Continental for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 25-year-old Oakland man, was found to have an outstanding BART warrant in the amount of \$350. He was

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Juvenile car thieves arrested

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — On Aug. 18, a San Pablo juvenile and a Vallejo juvenile were found inside a '77 Chevy Camaro parked on the 11880 block of San Pablo. The vehicle's ignition had been tampered with and one of the juveniles possessed a stolen credit card.

• On Sept. 6, a Richmond juvenile was caught removing a stereo from a VW Cabriolet parked on the corner of Brewster and Arlington. The suspect led the police on a vehicle pursuit, until he got into an auto accident. The police then ar-

rested the subject for burglary.

• On Sept. 6 at 9:51 p.m. at the Community Center, an unidentified male Hispanic juvenile struck a Fremont High School sophomore on the head with a handgun.

• There were three cases of domestic violence.

• On Sept. 7, someone attempted to steal a stereo from a car parked at the El Cerrito Plaza.

• On Sept. 7, someone entered an unlocked vehicle parked on the 6100 block of Barrett Avenue, taking a cellular telephone, change, and a garage door opener. The suspect

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City/Ladbroke file appeal with state Supreme Court

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Ladbroke Racing Corp. is fighting on in the battle to bring a 150-table cardroom to Golden Gate Fields, seeking review of this summer's appeals court decision with the California Supreme Court.

The Aug. 1 appellate decision, rendered partially in favor of the Citizens for Responsible Government, reversed "in part" a 1995 trial court decision by saying an environmental review is required prior to the cardroom being placed on the ballot in 1994 and that the ballot question itself presented a partisan position. While the appellate court remanded the matter back to trial court for final adjudication, a Supreme Court hearing could, if granted, reverse the appellate decision and put the two matters to rest once and for all.

"I was leaning in the direction of suspecting they would (petition the Supreme Court), but I didn't know

for sure," said CRG attorney Bob Outis, who added that he has always felt the case had a "reasonably high" probability of being heard by California's top judicial body. "I think it shows we were happier than they were with the decision," Outis said.

"We think that the appeal court was absolutely wrong on both issues," said City Attorney Robert Zweben. "It's a very troublesome opinion."

The move, made last week, marks yet another chapter in the more than 3-year-old debate surrounding the proposed cardroom at the racetrack.

Though the chances of a Supreme Court hearing are, according to both sides, somewhat slim, if granted, it could overturn the appellate decision and clear the way, at least partially, for the long-belated, much-debated cardroom.

If Ladbroke is successful in gaining a hearing and emerges victorious, the Ladbroke/City of Albany

legal team would be spared a trip to trial court to decide what effect the ballot question had on the 1994 election in which city voters approved the project by a narrow margin.

While the appellate court also ruled that the city violated the California Environmental Quality Act by placing a development agreement on the ballot without environmental review, it left open the matter of what effect a pair of agreements, signed by the city, Ladbroke and the Sierra Club, would have in attempting to mitigate possible impacts from the project.

If, on the other hand, CRG is successful and the hearing is not granted, the two above-mentioned questions would then be sent back to the trial court level. The losing side in that trial would, in turn, be able to appeal such a decision, and then, if it desired, petition the Supreme Court for a hearing once again.

Also, a victory for Ladbroke would not clear the way entirely for the cardroom, as it must still fend off a second CRG lawsuit, filed earlier this year, challenging the City Council's waiver of the Feb. 1, 1997 "drop dead date" in the development agreement authorizing the cardroom. If CRG is successful in its second suit, regardless of the outcome of the first, it would invalidate the development agreement and hence the cardroom itself.

Ironically, the due date for a CRG response to Ladbroke's request for a hearing falls on the same day as that of their opening brief in the second lawsuit. Though many cardroom supporters have accused CRG members of filing a "meritless" suit meant only to delay the project, CRG and its supporters have expressed greater confidence in the second lawsuit, and were bolstered by the partially favorable appellate decision in August.

"I think we won the last battle,

but the war rages on," said CRG president David Arkin, adding that the group is now in "full fund-raising mode" to pay for the upcoming legal battles. "Bob (Outis) and Dan (Taaffe, CRG's second attorney) have a busy month ahead of them," Arkin said.

According to Outis, while the Supreme Court hears a very low percentage of civil cases brought before it, the court could decide to review the matter if it found that the appellate decision conflicted with that of another appellate court.

Zweben said that the Supreme Court's interest in the case is "impossible to predict," adding that the court's interest in the legal questions brought up in that case, and the court's workload, could also influence the possibility of a hearing.

Also, though Ladbroke/Albany seems, by petitioning to the Supreme Court, to be less than hot on going through another trial court

hearing, both Zweben and Ladbroke Vice President John Ford expressed confidence in winning on that level as well.

"At this point, I don't think the CRG could prevail on the ballot question issue. It seems unlikely to me," Zweben said.

Arkin, on the other hand, interpreted Ladbroke's petition to the Supreme Court as a sign of wishing to avoid a possibly unfavorable trial court decision. Ladbroke's position, characterized by the move, is an attempt to be done with the matter once and for all, and return to the British-based gaming giant commitment to the cardroom.

"We continue to support it. I think it's good for Ladbroke, it's good for Albany, and we want to fulfill the expectations of the voters who approved the project," he said.

According to Outis, the Supreme Court's decision as to whether to review the case or not should be known within two or three months.

Afghani native is now a true American businessman

John Hafez, a native of Afghanistan, came to the United States in 1967 on a student visa.

He had a scholarship from the United States Agency for International Development. Why? It seems that, according to Hafez, this was one part of the assistance the U.S. was giving Afghanistan. He was to learn automotive technology and, of course, return to Afghanistan to teach.

Hafez attended Georgetown University for 16 months, and then went to Ferris State College, a small school in Northern Michigan. Ferris, he says, had very good schools in trade technologies and in pharmacy.

He met Melissa in Ferris, and they married in 1973. They went to British Columbia, in Canada and lived there for about 1-1/2 years, and then, in 1975 moved to California, because "she wanted to come to California."

Hafez did make a short visit back to Afghanistan, but never returned there to live. He opened a business

on Gilman in Berkeley that he called Beetleburg (you knew that meant he specialized in Volkswagens), and stayed with it until, in 1981 he purchased Automotives, which continues to be his business today. Working with a partner, they specialize in foreign cars such as Hondas, Toyotas and Volkswagens.

I asked for more information about the scholarships he had received. He told me that as part of U.S. aid to his country, they gave two or three scholarships every year to some of the top students. At that time his country still had a king. It wasn't long, however, before Afghanistan was invaded by Russia. And nothing has been peaceful in that country since that time.

His family, he said, did not come to America, but they did leave Afghanistan after the Russian invasion, and are now scattered all around the world. He has a sister in Australia, a sister in Los Angeles, a brother in France, two sisters in Germany, and his mother and a

sister in Holland

And now this very American businessman lives in Berkeley with his wife and two children. Alex, his son, who has just turned 18, is in Cal. Berkeley, while daughter Kyre, 15, is a student at St. Mary's High School. Alex, he says, is a gymnast with the Golden Beaux, where he is training with the team, although he doesn't expect to do anything this year. He, too, had attended St. Mary's, and graduated with honors.

But with the two children growing and busy in school, John and Melissa decided they wanted to have another baby. So two months ago they adopted a Chinese girl 15 months old. Such a sweet girl, he says. The baby adjusted very quickly and very well and is very much a part of the family now. And, he adds, she "made the house full again."

As for the distaff side of this very interesting family, Melissa grew up between Pennsylvania and Michigan. With a Bachelors Degree

from Wayne State, in Detroit, and a nursing degree from City College of San Francisco, she is a Registered Nurse and had worked in East Bay Hospitals for several years. Now, however, she stays home taking care of the kids.

Afghanistan is a tragedy, he says. "I don't even think it is a country any more. It was always underdeveloped, but now is totally destroyed. It will take it many centuries to get back to normalcy."

John Hafez is saddened when he thinks of his native country. But is a happy, fulfilled man when he talks about his family, his work, and his life in America.

Last week, in writing about the Friends of the El Cerrito Library, I spoke, also, of the president of the Friends, Thom Stark. Because Stark is one of six people running for the El Cerrito City Council, it has been decided that to be fair we must give them equal exposure in these columns. As a result I have been

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



interviewing the candidates, and find them a most interesting group of people.

In a very non political way I will talk about them in my next several columns. I really know very little of them politically, but, as I have said, they are very interesting people and I am sure you will enjoy getting to know them as I have.

Thank you, Trudy Chastain, for suggesting John Hafez to me. Interesting, indeed.

Because of the columns about the candidates (see above) some of your suggestions have to be put off

for a later date. But I am on my way, and they will appear. Meanwhile, if you have any ideas for me do give them to me. Write me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is CRGENSER@aol.com.

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AB 437 Goes for Wilson's Signature

Assemblywoman Dion Aroner's legislation to refinance the debt the WCCUSD owes the state of California, AB437, passed out of the state legislature last week and is now on Gov. Wilson's desk awaiting either his signature or veto.

The WCCUSD incurred \$42.5 million in debt when the then Richmond Unified School District went bankrupt in 1990 and the state, under court order, financed district operations. Under current legislation, the debt is being paid off from the district general fund and revenue from the sale of district properties. Annual payments are \$1.9 million which alternate with balloon payments every three years of \$6 million.

As originally introduced, Aroner's bill sought a 30-year refinancing of the remaining debt which would have lowered annual payments to \$750,000. According to Aroner staff member Sherry Wick, the long-term refinancing was not acceptable to the State Department of Finance and would have met certain veto by Governor Wilson.

As amended in the senate last week, AB437 now seeks a refinancing for a period of 20 years. According to WCCUSD Superintendent Herb Cole, "the result is an annual payment roughly equal to the current \$1.9 million but we will not have the balloon payments. We will also be able to remove several of the properties from our surplus property list."

Wilson now has a period of 30 days to sign AB437 into law. Congratulations to Assemblywoman Dion Aroner for shepherding the bill to this point and to State Senator Barbara Lee for introducing and defending it on the floor of the state senate. We'll definitely continue to follow the measure here in this column.

Back to school nights
Back to school night for elementary schools is tonight, Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Back to school night for middle schools is Thursday, September 25 at 7 p.m. Back to school night for high schools is Thursday, Oct. 9 also at 7 p.m.

Board candidates nights
The WCCUSD, in partnership with the American Association of University Women, the League of Women Voters, and the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP), is organizing five informational candidates nights for candidates seeking to be elected to the WCCUSD school board.

The events are all open to the public and will be held at each of the district's high schools. The schedule is as follows: De Anza High School on Oct. 16, El Cerrito High School on Oct. 22, J.F. Kennedy High School on Oct. 28, and Richmond High School on Oct. 30. They will all begin at 7 p.m.



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Albany PTA Council News

PTA meetings

Marin School meets Thursday, Sept 18 at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

Vista-MacGregor School meets Thursday, Sept 18 at 7 p.m. at Vista.

Back to School nights

Albany Middle School is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Marin School is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 25 starting at 7 p.m.

Cornell School is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 25 starting at 7 p.m.

MacGregor School is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept 24 starting at 7 p.m.

Vista School is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 17 starting at 7 p.m.

School Board meetings

The second of two special meetings to review design plans for AHS and to receive public input will be held in the AHS Little Theater on Saturday, Sept 20 at 9 a.m.

Albany Board of Education meets Tuesday, Sept 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Cornell multi-purpose room.

Special interest meetings

Parents, teachers, and tech/community volunteers are welcome to help form a Tech Group at AMS to expand the concept of NetDay. First meeting is on Tuesday, Sept 23 at 7 p.m. in AMS Library.

Events/Fund-raisers

PTA membership drives are in progress at all the schools. Your contributions go to support various programs at your children's schools. You may request a budget from your PTA to see how the funds are spent. Other ways to contribute to your PTA is to designate the association in the United Way Drive or through an employer matching donation program when available.

SCRIP can be purchased at the following schools: AMS, Cornell, Marin, Vista-Macgregor

Back To The Avenue

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"A Celebration of 25 years of Licensed Arts and Crafts on Telegraph Avenue" is the theme of the street fair, which is free and open to the public. The street fair will be staged on Telegraph Avenue between Bancroft Way and Dwight Way. All of Telegraph Avenue will be blocked to traffic that day.

The streets of Telegraph Avenue will be teeming with myriad-events, entertainment and activities—including jazz, folk music, poetry, storytellers, jugglers, chalk painting, and street artists selling their hand-crafted wares—during the day-long event, sponsored by the Telegraph Area Association (TAA).

TAA is a broad coalition of residents, merchants, students, property owners, churches, service providers and others...dedicated to the social, physical, and economic revitalization of the Telegraph commercial district and its neighborhood. Street fair co-sponsors also include the City of Berkeley, and other Telegraph Avenue merchants.

There's something for everyone at this year's four-block street fair. In the first one-third portion of the block between Bancroft Way and Durant Avenue, a chalk painting contest will be sponsored by Arrowsmith Academy, a multicultural college preparatory school located in the Telegraph Area. This portion of the block will be devoted to children's activities including face painting and performances by storytellers, clowns and jugglers.

The entertainment stage located in front of Cody's Books at Haste and Telegraph, will offer a variety of music and other entertainment. Comedy acts will feature Andre' the Wonderwoman, Katt N DA Hatt, and Harry Ratchford. Touch of a Poet Series will present Jack and Adele Foley, Mark Mackey, Louis Cuneo and more. Comedians are compliments of Sai Gobe Productions. A special entertainment attraction will include a period fashion show titled "Then and Now." The fashion show will highlight apparel from the 1960s and 1990s provided by Telegraph Avenue retailers, Mars, Buffalo Exchange and Sharks.

Street artists will occupy the remaining two-thirds of Telegraph Avenue from Durant Avenue to Haste Street, selling their hand-crafted wares, from handmade jewelry, pottery and leather goods to unique T-Shirts, hats and crystal, among many items.

The September street fair will also include a Fine Arts exhibition in the fourth block of the street fair—between Haste and Dwight Way. The Fine Arts exhibition will showcase the paintings, sculpture and photography of prominent Berkeley artists. An exhibition highlight will include vintage photographs of previous Telegraph Avenue street fairs.

Telegraph Avenue and the "Back-to-the-Avenue" street fair are easily accessible by public transportation. Take BART to the Center Street Berkeley station, either walk or take the bus (#51) to Telegraph Avenue.

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Community gardening gets its day in the sun

By Alex Cohen

ALBANY — It was down on the farm, city style Saturday as the Bay Area Coalition for Urban Agriculture (BACUA) joined the UC Berkeley College of Natural Resources in sponsoring an Urban Agriculture Field Day at the Gill Tract. The event, the first of its kind, drew people from throughout the Bay Area together to learn about the tract and the latest developments in community gardening.

Walking down the shady entrance to the tract on San Pablo Avenue, guests were greeted by a strong scent of pine and the brilliant colors of sunflowers, cosmos and tomatoes in full bloom. On closer inspection, however, they realized this was no ordinary garden. The Gill Tract, a parcel of land about 12 acres wide adjacent to University Village, was purchased by the university in 1928 and has been used by the College of Natural Resources to conduct research and training and for a variety of community outreach projects.

Professor Miguel Altieri led

guests on a field tour of several acres used for student experiments. The soil at the Gill Tract is unique in that it has been organic for over 16 years. "Not one drop of insecticide," Altieri said.

Standing in a field of healthy broccoli plants, he explained how students have experimented with a variety of other plants to protect the crops without using pesticides. Flowering plants such as buckwheat, for example, are planted as a "border patrol" next to broccoli, since they attract lady bugs which eat the aphids that usually cause crop damage.

Sharon Fleming, associate dean of the College of Natural Resources, said the field day was "a collaborative effort between the university and the community to put together a program that highlights the expertise that is in the community and in the university."

Professor Emeritus Robert Raabe hosted a clinic for plant problems. The ASUC Compost Collaborative and Berkeley Worms demonstrated how they

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'What you're doing here is really necessary because if you don't have a healthy body, you don't have a healthy mind.'

—MAUDELL SHIREK, BERKELEY VICE MAYOR

BART commuters vent post-strike frustration

By Kimberly Lisagor

EL CERRITO - Relieved commuters filed into the Del Norte BART station Monday morning, as BART resumed operations following the disabling strike that halted service last week.

Commuters, tired of dealing with the hassles of alternate transportation, welcomed BART's return. But many said they felt betrayed by striking BART employees, who left them scrambling to get around the Bay Area last week.

"The whole thing left a bad taste

in my mouth," said El Cerrito Sheri Stearman. "With my husband and I living at poverty level, it's hard for me to sympathize with people who are making over \$40,000 a year."

Stearman, who does not own a car, said she relies heavily on public transportation. It was irresponsible of BART employees to make so many area residents suffer during their negotiations, she said.

"When I have a problem with my job, I either leave or I stay," she said. "I wouldn't go and inconvenience the whole Bay Area."

BART workers will vote Friday

on a tentative agreement worked out by negotiators early Saturday morning. The \$43.5 million contract would give employees a \$3,000 lump sum this year, followed by a 4 percent pay raise each July for the three following years.

Many workers said they are satisfied with the offer, but are worried about restoring relations with customers and management.

"I'm happy to be back at work instead of picketing," said one station agent who would not give her name. "But it's not so easy dealing with some of these customers."

Though most BART users have been polite and understanding, she said a few have expressed anger. "I had one customer who wanted a letter of apology from the manager posted in the station," she said.

All she can do is wait for them to settle down, she said.

In the meantime, emotions are high among many disgruntled BART users. Some commuters are looking for ways to get around the system, relying on BART in the future.

Civil rights attorney Hwang, who commutes to the San Francisco office every day, is considering moving to "so I don't get stuck in the East Bay next time this happens."

Hwang said he had to leave his car from his in-laws last week, parked at the San Francisco center and took a bus to work there, turning his usual 35-minute commute into a two-hour ordeal.

"In my office, we're very union, generally," he said. "It's hard to feel sympathy for the workers for the strike."

Not all commuters blame the workers for the strike, however. Sacramento resident Deborah, who drives to the Del Norte station to take BART to her San Francisco bank job, said the strike was inconvenient but necessary.

"I know people are angry because they think BART was making more than they should have," she said. "But management still has a lot more than they do, and a lot more out of their people than their people get out of them."

Clarett said it was frustrating to have to drive into San Francisco last week, but that she harbored resentment toward the strikers.

"It's one of those things you have to deal with," she said.

Many BART riders discover, stay with bus travel as an alternative

By Peter Orne

BART trains began rolling through El Cerrito again this week, but many commuters continued to take the bus, according to AC Transit officials.

"We're a lot closer to normal than we were last week, but ridership is up," said AC Transit spokesman Mike Mills. "Noticeably on our Bay Bridge bus routes and on some of the longer-line East Bay intercity routes."

Data on the numbers of riders were due out yesterday.

AC Transit, which moves about a quarter million people a day, scrambled to meet demand during last week's strike. "We rolled everything we had," said Mills.

During the strike, there was a huge surge in service on the 70s lines that run through El Cerrito and on the transbay lines that run out of Del Norte station, according to Jim Gleich, AC Transit assistant general manager.

"Those lines continue to have more ridership," Gleich said.

But why is bus ridership up now that the strike is

over?

"I think the strike helped highlight us as a place that gets the job done," Gleich said.

Mills said some people may have learned for the first time about "the convenience and the economy" of the transbay buses.

"The unfortunate part is that the people who used our service during the strike didn't see us in the normal mode of operation," Gleich said.

Last week, commuters departing from Del Norte station rode transbay buses that were jam-packed and running slow. On the Bay Bridge routes, buses that should have been making two or three trips in 90 minutes got stuck in traffic for up to an hour.

"Normally, if they rode that bus today, they'd get a seat, they'd get to San Francisco faster than they could on BART, and it would be cheaper," Gleich said.

"They probably didn't see that during the strike," he added, "but some of them obviously did, because they've stayed with us."

BART said ridership was down about 14 percent from normal Monday, but was down just 7 percent Tuesday.

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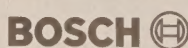
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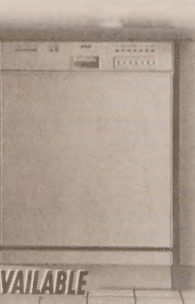
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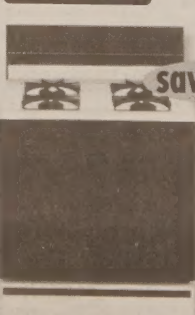
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tion that was unanimously ap- proved by the Friends' Board of Directors.

The presentation ceremony and dinner will take place at the El Cerrito Masonic Center at 6922 Stockton Ave., just a few blocks from the Library. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call Thom Stark, Friends president at 526-9600 or Eileen Leon, event chair at 526-5116.

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from waste from the UC Berkeley farm kitchens into valuable worm compost.

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of good nutrition. "What you're doing here is really necessary," Shirek said, "because if you don't have a healthy body, you don't have a healthy mind."

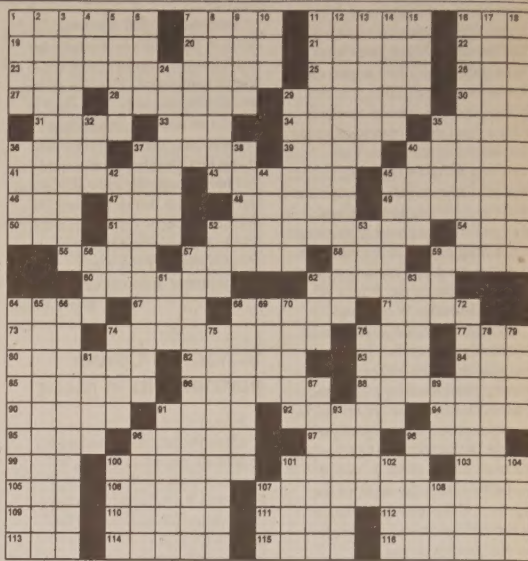
Peter Rosset, Co-Chair of BACUA, said that as an Albany resident, he was happy to welcome people from so many different communities to the event. Rosset said he would like to see the Gill Tract used as a resource for more than just Albany and the Bay Area. "Urban agriculture is so important around the world, I'd also like to see it be a launching ground for research and analysis worldwide so that it would actually give service to the commu- nity, but it also would be a center for analysis and research with world- wide applications."

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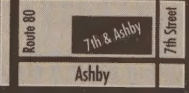
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declining shopping mall symbolizing the downtown's decay. The construction of a 1.3 million-square-foot giant mall three miles away had wiped out downtown retail. The redevelopment agency worked with a local developer to develop the shopping mall site. The resulting mixed-use center, Mizner Park, covers 28 acres and combines shops, housing, and offices facing a grand promenade. More than a little of Mizner Park inspired the plans created recently for El Cerrito by the Prince of Wales' Summer Workshop.

Mizner Park has proven to be extremely successful. Its grand opening drew 20,000 people. Ninety percent of its retail space was released before construction was complete. The project yielded double the property taxes that the old mall did in 1988. It raised property values throughout the region and has proven to be one of the nation's most successful recent developments.

El Cerrito clearly needs more shops and services. As reported recently by economic consultant Janet Smith-Heimer, per capita retail sales in El Cerrito has declined on average 1.7 percent yearly since 1985. This is partly because the baby boom generation is aging and buying less. A lot of money that boomers spent in the past on things, now goes to retirement savings. But it is also true that people are going out of El Cerrito to shop. The signers of the petition were right in wanting local commercial development. El Cerrito needs local stores. But El Cerrito also needs development that will be long-lived and enhance the community character.

If property values are to rise not just on the plaza property but

throughout El Cerrito, then the commercial development of the plaza needs to be high quality-mixed-use and pedestrian friendly.

Demanding that the entire 31.5 acres of the Plaza be nothing but retail invites auto-oriented big box development. The life of big box development is measured in years, not decades, much less generations. The short shelf life of big box development would just invite ongoing redevelopment activity while doing nothing for overall property values. In a town where redevelopment is controversial, is big box development appropriate?

Steve Price
El Cerrito

School-to-Career partnership in place

Editor:

Glen Price's commentary on school-to-career in WCCUSD is off base (School Watch, Sept 11). First, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce has subcontracted with WCCUSD to develop business/industry partnerships, working in tandem with the S-T-C division of the school district. Through this effort all other West County chambers will be involved. Additionally, the district has contracted with the RichmondWorks and Richmond PIC to link with our S-T-C division. This coordination will streamline and expedite the S-T-C effort. The initial focus of the district's S-T-C is at the high school level, where students will soon be moving into the world of work. The intent of this reform is to assist teachers in demonstrating relevance of the curriculum in the classroom, thus motivating students to learn.

Energy Works Corp. is both a business partner of the WCCUSD S-T-C Partnership Board and a member of the Richmond

Chamber's Education Committee. In addition to the S-T-C focus, this year the Chamber coordinated recruitment for WCCUSD's principal-for-a-day event, Junior Achievement, and LEAP literacy trainers.

Mr. Price's proposal that school principals go into the community to solicit involvement sounds good, assuming they have extra time beyond their site jobs. In reality it will be more efficient if the S-T-C division coordinates the outreach to avoid duplication of efforts. Businesses want to help but can be overwhelmed by conflicting requests.

Karen Leong Fenton
President, Energy Work

Editor's note: Karen Leong Fenton is a WCCUSD board incumbent who is seeking reelection. Glen Price is also a board candidate.

A diversion to hide real issue?

Editor:

Frisco Del Rosario got frustrated by El Cerrito politics, and chose to blame the Loubals, see his Journal letter of Sept. 4. It's tough on retired Army people to switch from following leaders and trusting them to do the right thing, and instead get into the hurly-burly of democratic give and take. I'm sure General Schwarzkopf would have made mincemeat of anyone proposing an Environmental Impact Report be filed before he attacked Saddam's Iraqi forces, though some veterans may wish it had been otherwise.

Yes, we and others did object to Frisco's nomination to the Del Norte Task Force as the only representative of El Cerrito merchants. His views on Redevelopment are at odds with the vast majority of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce members

(see the chamber's recent survey). We felt there should also be a business person nominated by the Chamber of Commerce.

Frisco's check cashing business may benefit from increased San Pablo Avenue traffic. I explained my view that the Redevelopment Advisory Committee to which he was appointed and from which he also resigned would benefit from including residents like myself who do not see eye-to-eye with the agency.

I spent a pleasant afternoon visiting Frisco in his store. He hit it off well, discussing old times, when he was stationed in Germany while I was a reservist in the Czech army. We could have been shooting at each other with live bullets, rather than in verbal skirmishes. We each ended up proposing the other run for city council, and promising support. Frisco seemed as forthright as they come. I felt he would have represented his constituency admirably.

Frisco's accusatory resignation letter does not sound like the man with whom I planned to down a few beers, well maybe just one or two if our wives came along. If we get together, I'd tell Frisco how Mayor Norma Jellison used his resignation at the last council meeting. First she (or was it Norman LaForce?) changed the usual procedure by removing the resignation from the automatic "consent calendar." Then she read the letter word for word, slowly, solemnly, methodically, apparently relishing each accusation, as if she was having visions of sentencing us as traitors to the cause; drummed out of the battalion; uniform buttons sliced off by the commanding officer as

the troops jeer.

It did not work that way, most council members looked embarrassed, and furious residents spoke out one after the other against the mayor's action. My wife had the last word, saying she understood Frisco's frustration and was sorry he resigned.

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ference that I attended in October 1996 in San Francisco. In six years, San Francisco schools have experienced a 5 point gain on math scores (now at the 57 percentile) and an 8.5 point gain on verbal scores (up to 50.5 percentile). Meanwhile, the West Contra Costa Unified District scores are in the high 30th and low 40th percentiles in math and verbal scores. Over 20 schools in the District have test scores below the 20th percentile. Why should not West Contra Costa district join the growing list of school districts using this effective technique?

We do know if nothing is done at a low performing school site, nothing will improve. Educational mediocrity will continue. We have very little to lose in trying this approach

Why all this nonsense? Hall is in blue funk over the abysmal failure of Redevelopment, and their inability to explain agency finances. A diversion will keep the waters muddled.

here in West County. It is give our residents a chance. "Well our school district has through some tough times, nationally, the District is implementing a promising new program renewing low performing schools which is turning around the District's educational performance."

Let's look for educational ers who will look to implement type of proven reform program West County. It is time to move from the District's unbalanced budget; it is time for educational mediocrity. The residents deserve it; the children to achieve their dreams.

El Cerrito Brian Leary
candidate for the West Contra Costa Unified School District board

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believed the process is out from under the shadow of lengthy litigation, and they seem confident now that their stores will remain intact, a confidence they lack with Wilton/Terranomics.

Advanced Instruments owner Dick Disher called the situation "the best thing that could have happened," saying that the process won't get caught up in litigation and his business will remain intact. The retailers Bilak proposes to bring in (Starbuck's, Noah's Bagels, Boston Market, Ross, Barnes

& Nobles, Cost Plus, and H&R Block, among others) will create a lot more foot traffic, he said.

"I understand that Bilak will not act unilaterally, but will include the city in the development," said Disher, adding, "The sooner it happens the better."

"I hope that now something will actually develop," said Herb Foley of Foley & Bonny. From the beginning Foley has believed the logical developer to be Bilak. Despite his support for Bilak, Foley said he will believe it — Bilak's developing the

Plaza — when he sees it. "If they proceed with the same behavior," he said, "it will be a while."

It's the best thing, said Plaza Barber owner Joel Lyon, because the parties will begin planning immediately.

While the city didn't have enough funds itself to develop the Plaza, Lyon believes American Stores must have enough money, because it just bought the Emporium. Lyon believed Bilak's plan was the best to begin with.

"From what I heard," said Sizes

Unlimited Manager Pat William, "it's good news for us. It means we won't get kicked out."

"They're (Wilton Partners) smarter than I thought they were," said Jeweller V.G. White.

But he abstained from further judgement, because "at this point there are so many rumors going around that I'll believe it when it happens."

He did question why, if Wilton/Terranomics found the venture too expensive, any other outside developer want to develop the Plaza.

Albany woman a 'Benedict' contest winner

CHICAGO — Roxanne E. Chan of Albany, Calif., was named a runner-up in the 1997 Bays English Muffins "Build A Better Benedict" National Recipe Contest with her "Bangkok Benedict."

Chan borrows from the exotic flavors of Thailand with a spicy peanut sauce paired with fresh mango slices and salty prosciutto ham. Chan continues the Asian theme with poached quail eggs and an Eastern-influenced Hollandaise sauce flavored with fresh lime juice,

ginger root and orange peel.

Chan's recipe was selected from more than 3,000 entries submitted nationwide.

She was awarded a gift pack of Bays English Muffins and a Bays gourmet apron in recognition of her winning entry.

The Journal welcomes items on the significant events in the lives of people in the community. All you have to do is submit the basic who, what, when, where, why and how to PO Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530.

Stroll

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reaches of the globe had an opportunity to bond with their kin in Berkeley's Finnish Brotherhood Lodge # 21 — who urged strollers to FINNISH SCHOOL while those whose hearts are drawn to balmy climates could enjoy Brazilian-style Carnival dancers, or hear the primitive rhythms of the Som Tribal Sounds. Persons interested in more exotic endeavors were paid a visit from the students at Windward Gymnastics, who flipped, rolled and gyrated their way down Solano. Auto enthusiasts were likewise not left in the cold, they had a chance to view the always-intriguing Camera Van and a plethora of perfectly-tuned hot rods, one of which, to the delight of many, was built to resemble a gigantic Radio Flyer wagon.

From the Blues Daddies, who played at noon at the corner of Alameda and Solano, to the Alameda Racing Corp. pony ride, the corner of Solano and San Pablo, the festivities continued as the parade had come to an end. Belly dancers from the Alameda Tangiers shook their stuff, while the group's downy rhythm pumped big funk. John Timothy and the Piano provided more musical fare, while The Alameda Pages cranked oldies and California Repercussions led the crowd both during the parade and after with their



From the Oscar Meyer Wiernmobile and free cartoons playing at the Oaks Theater at the top of the Avenue to pony rides and games at the bottom, plus food booths galore and the staff of The Journal staffing a table in the middle, the Planet Solano had ample attractions for the thousands of strollers who turned out.

perfectly-synchronized marching tunes.

Strollers in search of nourishment had more than 60 booths and restaurants to choose from, with dishes ranging from barbecued oysters to Greek Spanakopita to pizza to pot stickers to the always-fresh vegetables at the Albany Farmers Market. Those seeking to have their image broadcast live on the

Internet needed only to pass by the DNIA booth and look, there they were, while those in search of more traditional entertainment could stop by the booth of Madame Ovary and the Egg Folk, who held service for dozens of children throughout the day.

News hounds could stop by the Hills Newspapers table to meet columnist Martin Snapp or berate this newspaper's editorial staff as

to our at-times mysterious circulation/delivery policies, while persons with more specialized reading preferences could visit the booth of Radiance, the magazine for large women. Health-conscious strollers could purchase a specialized massage stone or cudge a free spinal exam, while those with a more political bent could sign a ballot initiative to ban steel-jaw traps or stop by

the Alliance for AC Transit table and find out how to keep the buses rolling.

Shoppers could pour their extra dollars into a bar of The Soap Sisters glycerine soap, purchase a Cat in the Hat-style hat or pick up a custom-fitted toe or thumb ring from Ring Around the Toezees. Berkeley High School's Class of 1999 provided youngsters with an always-popular Astro Jump

machine, while Berkeley Hills Realty gave parents a chance to seek a new place to hang their hat with free evaluations as to the value of one's home on the market.

"I just thought people were having a great time," said Bullwinkle, whose organization, along with the cities of Albany and Berkeley and numerous businesses, sponsors the festivities. "We're thrilled to provide such a community event. It's always a great day."

Also, as a result of a mention in one of Martin Snapp's columns, the association was able to track down current Albany High School student Patrick Glenn, who originally came up with the Solano Man concept during a Stroll poster-designing contest in local schools. Glenn, in fact, rode through the parade in the car of the Grand Martian himself.

"We were thrilled to find him," Bullwinkle said.

And while the Stroll's normally-sunny weather was marred by the first possible hurricane in Stroll history, the rain held off until approximately 6:10 p.m., when the event had just reached its conclusion. Already, the association is in search of a theme for the 1998 Stroll, planning of which will not begin until April.

"We're open to suggestions," Bullwinkle said. "If anyone has ideas, we're delighted to entertain them."

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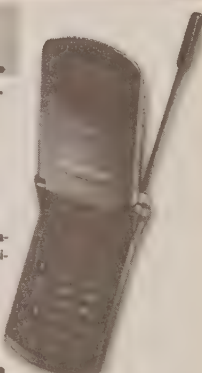


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■ **Martin Snapp**

Theology Lesson: Forget what you learned in civics class: America does have a national religion. But it isn't Christianity. It's football.

Some worship at the Church of Cal. Others worship at the Church of Stanford. Me, I'm a lifelong devotee of the Church of UCLA.

It's a mystical pull that the myths of my childhood have on me, even almost 50 years later. When I was growing up in the '50s, I had a big brother named Steve who was very kind to me, just like Wally and the Beaver.

Needless to say, I contracted a lifelong case of hero-worship. And since Steve was attending UCLA at the time, I became a rabid UCLA fan, too.

To this day, I can tell you every play of the 1956 Rose Bowl, which we lost in a heartbreaker when the bad guys kicked a field goal as time ran out. (I stayed in my room and cried for days, until my mom finally sent Steve upstairs to tell me to knock it off.) And that's precisely how I saw it: good guys vs. bad guys. To me, UCLA players were knights in shining armor. They protected widows and orphans and never told lies and always fought valiantly against our arch-rivals — no, make that "the agents of Satan" — at that other school across town, USC.

It's impossible to overstate how much we Bruin fans hate USC. Let's put it this way: Every weekend, we root for our two favorite teams: UCLA and whoever happens to be playing USC.

There's a David-vs-Goliath aspect to all this, because the truth is that USC usually has better players, and they usually win. Virtue is triumphant only in fairy tales.

So here's a true-life fairy tale: Once upon a time there was a booster club at UCLA called the Kelps. If UCLA was a religion, the Kelps were like the Jesuits: They were the moral shock troops.

The Kelps were Merry Pranksters, long before anyone had ever heard of Ken Kesey.

One year, they re-routed the annual USC Homecoming Parade into a dead-end alley.

Another time, a Kelp named Ed Hummel got himself nominated for student body vice president as a woman — Edwina Hummel! And he won, too! And, of course, the Kelps made it a point of honor to sneak onto the USC campus every year and paint the statue of Tommy Trojan blue-and-gold.

The Kelps finally got so rambunctious, the UCLA administration banned them in 1970. But Kelp alumni continue to get together for reunions, where they smoke cigars, tell bad jokes, and bash USC.

Needless to say, my brother Steve was a Kelp. So this month, when he invited me to be his guest at the 50th Kelp reunion, how could I say no? It turned out to be wonderful beyond my wildest dreams. I met Ed Hummel, the guy who won the student body election in drag. I met Herb Hyman, the mastermind behind the great USC homecoming parade caper. I met perhaps the most famous Kelp alumnus: Robert Shapiro, late of O.J. Simpson's Dream Team. (Two years ago, the Kelps held a mock trial and nearly threw Shapiro out — not for defending a killer, but for something far worse: "defending a Trojan.") Best of all, I met five members of the legendary 1954 team: quarterback Terry Debye, tight end Bob Heydenfeldt, and guards Jim Brown, Sam Beghosian and Hardiman Cureton.

My hands are trembling as I write these names. This was UCLA's only national championship team, the one that went undefeated and practically unscored-on and (best of all) creamed USC 34-0.

I was 9 years old. The other big thing that happened that year was that I had the first of what has turned out to be a long series of eye operations.

I was pretty scared, let me tell you. But when I woke up in the recovery room, I found something nestled in the crook of my arm: It was a football signed by every guy on the team. (I told you Steve was a good big brother, didn't I?) I loved that ball. But when I went away to college, my mom threw it away.

But last weekend at the Kelp reunion, all five guys from the 1954 team gave me their autographs — 43 years after the first time.

They don't look like today's athletes. Instead of 6-foot-7, 300-pound hulks, they look like normal people.

They don't act like today's athletes, either. I was chatting with Hardiman Cureton about the big money in college sports these days; and he said, "There was a lot back then, too. You wouldn't believe the money I was offered to go to USC or Notre Dame. At UCLA, all we got was \$65 a month, and my rent was \$110. But I had already given my word to go to UCLA, and my word is my bond." When I was a child, I thought Hardiman Cureton was a knight in shining armor. And it turns out I was right all along.

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Garage

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attract a wrangler or two, but set up shop correctly and all should go well.

"A garage sale is an opportunity for you to have a one-day store of your own," said Marianne Hegeman, originator of the sale. "In preparing the goods to sell, ideally everything should be priced and displayed as attractively as possible."

"It's always nice to have a free box, because there are some things that nobody is going to buy," she said.

Hegeman, author of the Berkeley and Albany "Reuse Directory," said that the prime objective of a garage sale is not to haggle or make money but to reuse.

"The purpose is to get rid of things you don't need or no longer want," she said, "to have other people acquire them who do want them." Nearly everybody has at least a few items they could sell, but according to Hegeman, El Cerrito is particularly full of collectors.

"All you have to do is go for a walk on an afternoon," she said. "Go by people's garages. They're just crammed."

Hegeman has a keen eye for hoarders. "It's a particular personality," she said. "My father was compulsive collector. When he died 29 years ago, he left a 26-room house and five barns in Rensselaer County in upstate New York full to the ceiling with stuff. He had a scavenger's license, and he went to the flea market every single week. He had, for example, 10 tons of National Geographic. The ceilings were cracked from the weight."

Shrink

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the library's computer room. The computer room was set up recently and has never been used as such. Most likely, the computers would be moved to individual classrooms.

A space in the Marin school library, where a 1st grade class was placed last year due to class size reduction, could accommodate a 2nd grade class. A temporary wall still separates the remainder of the library from the make-shift classroom.

The kindergarten class would receive the 2nd-grade classroom, and the 1st-grade class, which would have been placed in the make-shift library classroom, would move to a new room created in the Marin cafeteria.

At an Aug. 28 school board discussion of class-size reduction, the Marin School librarian expressed concern over limiting library space, and several parents asked about using various other sites, such as the Children's Center.

"We looked at every nook and cranny possible, and these are really our best options," Director of Curriculum and Personnel Constance Hubbard said. She added that the Children's Center is not eligible for such use.

A dwindling pool of credentialed teachers and the trauma of reorganizing classes, including teachers and sites, makes timing crucial.

TV

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television coverage would help "make this community a place where people get along."

Regarding the city's not having the money to continue televising city council meetings, Ginternick said, "In the light of what's going on here over the past several months, it seems financially imprudent to continue this TV blackout."

City Council candidate Thom Stark said the council could "give lessons to (former president of the Bosnian Serbs and war criminal) Radovan Karadzic in manipulating the media to create a false impression of what the civic dialogue consists of."

The "feel-good presentations" currently being televised do nothing to inform the citizenry of the decisions being made by the city's central decision-making body, he said.

As for complaints that the audience is impolite, said Stark, "Democracy is a messy business, but it is the public's business."

Councilmember Gina Brusatori said she saw "it as a budget situation and a viewer-demand situation." She cited a 1996 survey that claimed 13 to 15 percent of El Cerrito citizens with cable relied on television coverage to find out what was going on in the city.

The senior population and those with personal or work-related time restraints rely on the television coverage, she said.

"I would support putting council

Sale

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Be prepared to bargain. You are not a thrift store with rent and overhead.

3. Have small bills and coins ready for change.

Cash transactions are the norm.

4. Have batteries or an AC line available.

If an appliance does not work someone may want it for parts.

5. Present items as you would expect in a store.

Clean rollerblades and sports equipment.

Use hangers for nicer clothes and coats.

Folding tables are useful as well as blankets and beachmats for displaying items.

6. Keep the front of your space clear of cars.

Gently remind customers to park in legal spaces.

The neighbors will appreciate your consideration.

Lastly, bring your beach chair, sun hat and lunch.

If a yard sale isn't fun, why bother?

Hegeman said El Cerrito is "admirably suited" to having a citywide garage sale, in part because most of its older citizens — 21 percent of residents are age 65 and older — lived through the Depression and tend to save things.

After the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, "many of the city's garages were full because many senior citizens saved everything," she said.

"You had this dramatic accumulation of things, and many of the people who wanted the foundations of their houses inspected were these older citizens," Hegeman decided that a sale would solve the problem of clearing space for house inspectors while encouraging reuse. The city council, which backs the reuse ethic, supported her proposal, and the first sale was held in 1990.

Whether you're interested in cleaning out your garage or making a buck, the City-Wide Garage Sale provides one of the best chances to get to know your neighbors.

"It's the one time of the year

when you can hear the city of El Cerrito," said Hegeman. "People are talking and driving around. All over the city, they are getting to know each other, and they get to be out on the street and do something together that is productive for the whole community. It's become a tradition, and it's also become a social event, and a major way in which community organizations raise money."

The El Cerrito Recycling Center, sponsor of the Oct. 4 sale, has already collected 90 applications, according to Administrative Clerk Karen Joy. Pick up an application at the recycling center, city hall, the community center, the senior center or the library and drop it in a drop box or mail it to City-Wide Garage Sale, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530. Registration is free and closes Sept. 28. Pick up your map showing garage-sale locations starting Sept. 30 at the recycling center or the community center. Call 215-4350 with questions.

McNenny said, "We should view this as a trial year. There are a lot of unresolved questions."

However, no one at the meeting questioned whether the district should take the state up on its offer.

The overall state budget windfall for class size reduction included \$1.49 billion, a 53 percent increase over last year's funding, resulting in a projected 14,600 more teachers and classrooms. Although Bay Area schools will likely be fighting over credentialed teachers, AUSD already has several credentialed candidates lined up for consideration.

The new budget expands the class size reduction program to four grade levels, and increases the per pupil apportionment to \$800 (\$400 for Option 2). Also, the budget allows eligible districts (including Albany) to claim \$40,000 for each new teaching station.

Option 1 provides \$800 for each pupil whose class is reduced to 20 pupils. The district is only eligible for this money if it hires new teachers by Nov. 1 and implement the reduction by Feb. 16.

Option 2 provides \$400 per student in classes where the student teacher ratio is 20:1 for at least half of the instructional minutes. Reading and math must be concentrated in the reduced-class-size portion of the day.

meetings on television again, and I think there are some options," Brusatori said. She suggested a policy of conduct for both citizens and council members.

"We need to separate television coverage from the manner in which we conduct meetings," she said.

While Councilmember Norman La Force said he receives positive feedback on the community-related programming, he never heard any positive feedback about the televised council meetings.

"Many people were happy that they could see the Prince of Wales Institute program. The other programs are far more informative and important to people than seeing whether we voted on all the items on the consent calendar," he said.

Yet, if the council meetings were televised again, La Force stressed the need for policies of conduct. "People have the constitutional right to address us," La Force said, "not the right to boo or hiss or turn their backs on us."

Most cities are able to put both city-related events and city council meetings on cable, said Councilmember Mark Friedman. "I'd rather err on the side of giving citizens more opportunities to get involved than less," he added.

Because El Cerrito is in campaign season, Friedman said, hearing and seeing candidates engaged in civic dialogue would serve the community well.

Although he understands why the

meetings were taken off cable, Friedman also said "it's time to take a look at how we can bring television back to contribute to more communication, more general trust and respect in the community."

"I would hate to see the city abandon the community programming being aired currently," said Mayor Norma Jellison. Like La Force, Jellison said she had received a lot of positive feedback on the non-city council programming.

"Yet, if this council wants to subject itself to the histrionics that would return with television, that's fine," said Jellison, who is not seeking reelection. However, having policies of conduct must be mandatory, she said. She suggested gathering policies of conduct from neighboring cities to use as prototypes for El Cerrito's policy.

Jellison seemed the most reluctant about reinstating cameras. "We cannot deny what happened in this council chamber," she said. "People were hissed, attacked, and many people have approached me and said they do not come to council meetings anymore for those reasons."

Councilmember Bartke said she is interested in televising both community-related events and city council meetings. She is concerned with budget constraints, however.

The city council's requested financial analysis on televising both community events and city council meetings will appear on the Oct. 6 agenda.



■ **Bill Mann**

Feeding our fascination

Flushed With Royalty: One thing the recent media coverage of Princess Di's death and her proved is that we Yanks are more fascinated with perhaps realized with British royalty. This was the subject of a lively and thought-provoking "For show on KQED-FM with host Michael Krasny this week. Since you may have been at work and have missed it, a few highlights:

Norm McLeod, legal adviser to the British in S.F., was one of Krasny's guests. The English mentioned the "conundrum" of the monarchy: "are so special, why are they (the Royal Family) ordinary?" And vice-versa.

One British caller used a classic Gilbert & Sullivan lyric to describe the royals: "I don't do anything particular, but I do it particularly well." But he added that the thought of abolishing the monarchy is ridiculous, if only because "when it comes to promoting tourism, the cost of the monarchy is cheap." McLeod agreed, saying, "Businesspeople to meet them. They're good for trade."

Another British caller asked Krasny, "Why are Americans so fascinated with the monarchy?" England, the Royal Family is irrelevant to people's lives." An Oakland caller, Sally, said "the Royal Family is living history," and yet another English listener posited "the U.S. is a monarchy elected king."

And another Brit, from Oakland, cited the Royal Family's "commitment to public service," adding sense of duty is absolutely essential. The Queen upon her coronation that she was dedicating herself to public service."

Which brings up this week's fax and P.R. counterattacks initiated by Buckingham Palace. One network TV reporter called "a rearguard action" the Queen to repair recent damage done to her image. The Palace says the reason the Queen didn't appear public just after Diana's death was because she was at Balmoral was grieving privately. But you can't do it both ways: If the Queen's duty, as we've been told, is first to her public, this argument doesn't wash. She has a public duty to appear before her people at key times, and she didn't.

But what do we Yanks know? Consider the fact I committed just after moving to Canada in 1971 covering a sports banquet in Sudbury, Ontario. Suddenly, everyone in the hall jumped to their feet. Everyone but me, that is. It was the traditional toast to the Queen. By the time I finally realized what was happening and stood up, everyone had been seated. It was easy to play Spot The Yank.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: I got an interesting illuminating note from ABC last week containing Important Updates about preview copies of new network shows I received. Please note, it read, that the preview tape of "Cracker," premiering Sept. 1, "the reference to 'tits' will be changed to 'boobs' in the final cut, the murder victims' nude bodies will be seen for a shorter duration and from less revealing angles." Maybe the nets have scruples after all. "Hiller and Diller" episode premiering Sept. 23, that suggest the daughter of Richard Lewis' character is dating a married man will be deleted. "If you 'NYPD Blue,' and I do a lot, you'll probably like 'Brooklyn South.' Steven Bochco's new cop series debuting Monday night on CBS. This show about cops is the best new show of the season. Parental caveat: Because of KPIX's early prime, this gritty gritty show airs at 9 here — too early ... Also watch look: Kirstie Alley's funny new series, "Veronica Closet," debuting Thursday, Sept. 25 at 9:30 on KPIX. It has TV's best time spot — between "Seinfeld" and "ER."

More royal stuff: Local talk host Enid Goldstein who fills in on KGO Radio, says, "I met Diana at Buckingham Palace." She's an Anglophile who covered Diana's wedding for KCBS Radio. Just before Diana's funeral, on a whim, Goldstein flew to London to do her national talk show and to report on the ceremonies — and ended up feeding live reports to such major stations as Los Angeles talker KFI and New York's WABC ... This week's movie recommendation: Sweet and charming Japanese "Shall We Dance?" It's the best slice-of-life look at that country I've seen, a welcome relief from Hollywood fare. It was interesting to learn that in public is considered shameful by many Japanese. KTVU's Craig Heaps is right — his BART line attributed last week, "Agent Has No Change," should have been "Agent Has No Money." My mistake. The latter is funnier as a set-up to Heaps' line about being sorry and wanting to give them a handout ...

The dreariest TV hour of the day? Try 9 a.m. Channel 2 has ex-jock Terry Bradshaw's new "Team." (pub-leese.) Channel 4 has Regis and Kelly Lee (yeah, right), while Channel 5 airs Martha Stewart, who according to a recent National Enquirer headline, anyway, is "mentally ill." (I still won't watch.) Over on Channel 7, it's sleazemistress Jessy. A most propitious time to switch off the TV. The time most people DO turn on their TV's, apparently, is when the 49ers and Raiders are playing. Last Sunday, KRON's Raiders-Atlanta telecast peaked at a whopping 58 share — percent of all TV's on. The 49ers' subsequent rout of New Orleans on KTVU/Fox peaked at a huge 64 share. I surfed over Channel 5 during the Raiders' game and found KTVU was counterprogramming with — get this — a half-hour infomercial for silicone brassiere inserts called "Curves." "Aren't they beautiful?" the emcee asked one newly full-figured customer. "Curves" comes with a handy carrying case, I learned, and are endorsed by a costume designer on "Baywatch." Quelle surprise! ... Perhaps the best line about Diamanda came from emcee Bill Maher on his "Politically Incorrect." Maher noted slyly, "They're now pulling 200 dead Haitians from that ferry. Good thing they were royalty, or that would have been a REAL tragedy."

Questions or comments? Please write Bill de la Journal or e-mail him at Newsmann@aol.com

Come sell your wares

Harding Elementary School, at the Fairmont and Ashbury in El Cerrito, is holding its second annual "Mega Flea Market" on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rent a spot on the playground for \$10.

If you don't live in El Cerrito, here's your chance to participate in the community's city-wide garage sale when hundreds of bargain-hunters will be coming to the city. Simply send a check for \$10 (with name, address and phone number) to: "PTA Mega Flea Market, Harding Elementary School, 7230 Fairmont Ave., El Cerrito, 94530. Your assigned spot and further instructions will be mailed to you. Details: Diana, 527-5833; Nancy, 526-9447; or Peter, 215-5114.

Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

Senior Theater repertory season

Stagebridge opens its 19th year of senior theater with two plays staging *Love, Sex and Growing Old*, and *Caring: Tales of Aging*, running Oct. 4 through Dec. 7 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. in Berkeley. Performances of *Love, Sex and Growing Old* will be held Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., with *Caring* running on Sundays at 3 p.m., followed by a panel discussion. Ticket prices for both shows are \$13. Reservations may be made by calling (510) 444-4755.

Both plays address the need to be touched, to be sexual, and to experience love. The myth of a loss of sexuality due to old age is explored for what it is, a myth. Healing our images of ourselves, and our family by moving past self-imposed limits set the tone of both plays.

Participatory folk dancing

Eric Benson, folk dancer and teacher starts the fall 1997 Friday Night Folk Dancing series tomorrow at the Albany YMCA, 921 Adams St., teaching international dancing from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. and leading request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. On subsequent Friday nights Balkan, Greek, Israeli, Armenian and French dances will be taught by Irene Croft, Bill and Louise Liddlecker, Yonit Levy and other favorite teachers. Partners not needed, as all dances taught. For more info: Mel Harte 848-5290 before 9 p.m. or 525-1542.

How off your Berkeley-ness

The second annual "How Berkeley Can You Be?" parade and festival kicks off on Sunday, Sept. 28th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the intersection of University Avenue and 11th Avenue. The parade starts at 11 a.m. and goes from California Street and University Avenue. Over 50 groups will participate including the Gandhi Peace float, Pink Man, cars, a local precision lawnmower brigade, electric cars and motion vehicles, a gay cheerleading squad, salsa dancers and a police band.

The parade concludes at Civic Center Park, Center and MLK, where the festival continues from 1-5 p.m. with outdoor performances by Berkeley talents Crosspulse (world music), Alvin Youngblood Hart (blues), Ka Ua Tuahine Poynesian Dance Company with the Hui Tama Nui Drummers, California Cajun Orchestra, Funkworks—hip hop, tribal belly dance, salsa, African, and Afro-Cuban dance and drumming.

For more information, parade, landfill cap contest or booth applications, or to volunteer, call 849-4688.

Black soul of Peru' comes to La Peña

Afro-Peruvian singer Susana Baca appears at La Peña Cultural Center in two shows, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 26.

The vocalist, composer and music researcher bases the lyrics of most of her songs on works by contemporary poets in her native country, works that are laments and tell a lot of social history. "But I don't want to sing only these songs," she says. "I'm a woman of my time also, a woman of the present. I don't want to be known only as an ethnic singer. I am a black woman. Those are my roots, I acknowledge them. But there's this other side, this modern side as well."

La Peña is at 3105 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. Call 849-2568 for information.

Photography exhibit opens

An exhibit of photographs by David Sanger at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery is open and runs through Dec. 10. The artist's reception is Sunday, Sept. 21 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sanger, a professional travel and outdoor photographer, enjoys moving to exotic places and appreciates treasures found close to home. His overseas travels have led him most recently to South Africa, India, Alaska, Belize, and China to capture the people, cultures and landscapes of these faraway countries in breathtaking photographs. His local photographs explore the beauty of the Bay Area's fauna and landscapes of the Bay Area parklands.

Applications for artists wishing to be considered for future exhibits are available at the Albany Community Center, located at 499 Marin Ave. Hours are Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CCCT drama classes now registering

The Contra Costa Civic Theatre is holding registration for the 10th year of Live At CCCT drama classes, held at the theatre, 951 Marina Ave. in El Cerrito.

The creator of the Summer Drama Camp will return to CCCT to fall to direct students of all ages in our Holiday Production, "A Christmas Wish Come True" is an original play with music. Performances are scheduled for December 12, 13, 14, 18, 19 and 20. The classes will be held on Thursday evenings beginning Oct. 1. Tuition is \$200.

Judy Whiting will direct another session of her wildly successful "Broadway Babies" class for young people ages 7-15. Students work on audition techniques through chorus numbers and songs from musicals.

All students perform in a final evening of highlights from the classes at the last day of the 7 week session. The class meets Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 16. Tuition for this class is \$155.00. Students will work on songs from the great Broadway shows.

The Pocket Theatre is an on-stage performing class for children grades 3-5. This class, which will involve students in the production of a one-act play, meets on Wednesdays starting Sept. 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuition is \$165 for the 7 week class. Ron Anderson will direct.

For further information on these classes call 232-6537 or 46654.

Remember Mama' kicks off CCCT

Contra Costa Civic Theatre opens its 38th season on Friday, Oct. 17 with the classic comedy, *I Remember Mama* by John van Druten. Directed by Louis Flynn, this rich portrait of family life in turn-of-the-century San Francisco features a stellar cast, including popular Bay Area actors Pat Parker and Ralph Miller. *I Remember Mama* runs on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through Nov. 22 with 2 matinee performances on Sundays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2.

The winter production will be the East Bay premier of Don't Get Me for Dinner for Marc Camoletti. Directed by Ron Anderson, this breathtaking farce, complete with slamming doors and mistaken identities, opens on Friday Jan. 16, and continues on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through Feb. 21, with 2 p.m. matinees on

Shakespeare Festival stages Euripides' classic

Greek tragedy plays well today

For the first time in its long and illustrious history, The California Shakespeare Festival departs from tradition to close the 1997 season with a non-Bard play. Their engaging production of Euripides' *Medea*, the tragedy of one woman's betrayal and her terrible revenge, plays on the Bruns outdoor stage through Oct. 5.

Flawless performances by CSF actors speaking a colloquial language (translation by Phillip Velacott) succeed in making *Medea* not merely accessible to modern ears, but a tribute to Euripides' ability 2,400 years ago to go to the heart, and jugular, of the battle of the sexes still raging — if *Men Are From Mars, Women Are from Venus* were to be believable.

The tragedy stands or falls in the performance of its omnipresent title character and Michelle Moran's *Medea* soars to Judith Anderson heights. She pulls out all the dramatic stops, ranging from fiery rage to pitiful remorse to coquettish deceit, in her power portrayal of the woman scorned.

Medea, directed by Lisa Wolpe, opens with a chorus line of togaed argonauts doing a charming Greek dance, just short of throwing plates, who recap events leading up to the play's action. On his quest for the Golden Fleece in a remote Asian country, the heroic Jason's life has been saved and the Fleece captured for him by the sorceress Medea. They marry, have two sons and return to Corinth — where Jason

dumps Medea to marry a young princess, a big mistake we discover as the play proper begins.

CSF Artistic Director Joe Vincent plays Jason, at first arrogant in his confidence that his slippery explanations will win Medea over and, in the end, devastated by her horrible revenge. She murders the princess via the gift of a flesh-eating dress, murders King Creon (played by W. Francis Walters) who banished her from Corinth and murders her two sons before fleeing Corinth in a chariot pulled by dragons. All this, she says, to wipe the smile off Jason's face.

Others in the cast are Peter J. Macon as Medea's slave; Jonathan Haugen as Aegeus, who agrees to harbor Medea in exile; Michael Morgan as the sons' tutor; Remi Sandri as the messenger; Zachary Fischer and Andrew Gruen, the ill-fated sons; and company players are the Women of Corinth who counsel Medea and the roistering argonauts who provide the play's lighter moments making the tragedy more terrible by contrast.

The angular simplicity of the white sets by Scenic designer Elina Katsioulas evoke an ancient, if imaginary, Greek stage. A bold scenic fillip center stage is a giant bull's face with golden horns, symbolizing the raging bulls with brass feet Medea tamed to save Jason. At the play's crucial climax the face folds out into a huge red water slide, which appears to be, but surely couldn't be, CSF



Michelle Moran plays Medea and Joe Vincent is Jason.

sticking its tongue out at the audience.

Contributing much to the all-of-a-piece quality of the production, music composed by O-Lan Jones underlines rising and falling moods with ominous drums and the sweet strains of cello and baritone saxophone.

In dramatizing personal emotions instead of the workings of mighty gods, Euripides was considered too avant garde in his time to compete successfully with his prize-winning rivals, Aeschylus and Sophocles. Centuries later, *Medea* remains the most popular

The California Shakespeare Festival presents 'Medea' through Oct. 5 at Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre in Orinda. Information: 548-9666.

of Greek dramas because each individual can empathize with its universal humanity and, even last week, experience "catharsis," or the pleasure of feeling pain and anguish, knowing at the same time it's not happening to her/him.

Mix of old and new for ballet opener

By Carol Egan

A mixed-repertory program opens the Oakland Ballet's season with three performances, Sept. 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 28 at 2 p.m., at the Valley Theatre at Holy Names College in Oakland.

The Oakland Ballet, founded by Ronn Guidi in 1965, is particularly renowned for its revivals of works from the Ballets Russes and Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo repertoires. Whenever possible it invites the choreographer or a close associate to restage the pieces. Such was the case with Leonide Massine, who recreated several of his masterpieces for Oakland shortly before his death.

Massine, a one-time dancer and choreographer for Diaghilev's Ballets Russes, spent the latter part of his life in the United States, recreating many of his works for numerous companies. Great American choreographers such as Eugene Loring, Agnes de Mille and Anna Sokolow have also revived some of their past masterpieces for the company.

Another great choreographer of the Ballets Russes was Bronislava Nijinska (sister of the legendary dancer Vaslav Nijinsky) whose monumental ballets—*Les Noces*, *Les Biches* and *Le Train Bleu*—were rehearsed and restaged by her daughter and long-time assistant, Irina Nijinska.

This season's opening program will feature a revival of the second movement from Nijinska's 1937 ballet *Chopin Concerto*, originally created for the Polish Ballet and her own company and subsequently performed by the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

It will be staged by Nina Youskevitch, a protégée of Nijinska, who also staged the 1995 revival of that great choreographer's *Bolero*. Further pieces of historical interest on the program will be the Can-Can from Massine's *La Boutique Fantasque* and the "Hand of Fate" pas de deux from George Balanchine's



The premiere of Michael Lowe's 'Dim Sum' is featured Sept. 26-28. From left: Nephi Sanchez, Susan Tidball, Mario Alonzo, Jeannene Fogel-Hertz and Ben Barnhart.

Cotillon.

Guidi has long been an admirer of Nijinska's.

"I saw *Les Biches* in 1965 and fell in love with her work," Guidi said recently in an interview.

After seeing a student production of the *Chopin* piece at Goucher College, he decided to bring it to Oakland.

"It's a pas de deux plus eight women who form a background. It's almost what I call minimal. Edwin Denby [dance critic of the 1930s through '50s] called it 'Nijinska at her most neo-classical.'"

In addition to reviving works of the great choreographers of the past, Oakland Ballet has been equally devoted to advancing young choreographers. It has commissioned works from artists such as Margaret Jenkins, Emily Keeler, Val Caniparoli and Remy Charlip, as well as from members

of the company.

This season it will include Val Caniparoli's popular ballet from the 1996 season, *Bow Out*, along with the company premiere of company member Michael Lowe's *Dim Sum*.

Guidi emanates a sense of pride when he states, "It's exciting for me to have our 32nd season and to be including in this season two premieres, one from one of our own—Michael Lowe—and the other, of course, by Nijinska."

The season continues in October with three performances of Ronn Guidi's story ballet *The Secret Garden*, which premiered last year. Much in demand across the country, this audience favorite can be seen at the Paramount Theatre on Oct. 17, 18 and 20.

Finally, Oakland Ballet returns to the Paramount Theatre in December with its ever-popular *Nutcracker*. It will run for 14 perfor-

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—RONN GUIDI, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, OAKLAND BALLET

mances from December 12-28. (Performance times vary. Call 762-2277 for reservations and times.)

Guidi expressed the new optimism of the company well. "Now that we're back on track with our funding, I think the work we're doing speaks for itself."

And, summing up his own feelings, he added, "I think dance is the most wonderful thing in the world."

For season tickets as well as tickets to the Sept. 26-28 performances, call 762-2277.

'The Wiz' a winning production

By Wanda Sabir

RICHMOND — Ease on down to East Bay Center for the Performing Arts' The Theatre 11th Streets summer production of "The Wiz," which is a musical adaptation from the classic movie the "Wizard of Oz" that became a Broadway hit during the mid-70s starring Diana Ross and Michael Jackson.

The original musical, written by William F. Brown and Charlie Smalls, is true to the film's timeless storyline about home and belief in yourself, however, Theatre 11th Street takes these concepts a little further as they move the action from Kansas to Richmond, introduce hip-hop culture, television, video, gender equity, and a taste of multi-culturalism. It was wild!

The yellow brick road actually moves. Four dancers, hip-hop Dorothy and her crew travel the road to Oz with great choreographed moves that change each

time they "ease on down the road." The dancers wear yellow hard hats, black leotards, with yellow fishnet scarves tied around their waists. The combination is a great sight.

Theatre 11th Street's "The Wiz" stands out for its great dancing, acting, musical arrangement, and live chorus. EBCPA gospel choir, Voices of Reason! Choreographers, Sarah Crowell, Erica Smith, and Soinka Rahim do a wonderful job. The Tinwoman's salsa number is one of the film's ensemble dances that stand out.

Rashad Grisby's Scarecrow is classic as he leans on the fence and asks Dorothy if she can spare a little change — he's saving up for a brain. And the little muchkins are so cute — boys and girls — and they dance well too.

Director, Allen Taylor has added new tunes and rearranged almost all of the old show numbers. Theatre 11th Street has so totally revamped this tale that preconceived notions flew away and

never returned, five minutes into the show. There is no "poppy field" scene, however, after Mz. Wiz grants everyone's wishes except Dorothy's, she leaves to deliver a very spirited and funny sermon to the people of Oz. The topic: "Be yourself."

The costumes are outrageous, especially Caprice Rollerson's Evileene's red and black tutu with gold accessories.

All of the characters are memorable. Joya Billups' Dorothy is a mixture of pre-teen rebellion and little girl innocence. Kevin Clark's Lion is a big pussy cat — with an owl therapist and mother-troubles. Flor Chahua's Tinwoman with a Latin accent, is stunning in her silver costume, and that tinsel hair and outrageous bust-line are too much. And Rashad Grisby's Scarecrow is fun to watch as he sings and dances his way into our hearts.

Deborah DiFrancia's Addaperle is very funny in her tie-dyed outfit, waving a magic wand



that doesn't work, and Betty Ladzekpo's Glinda makes a lovely appearance in African attire with entourage, performing a wonderful West African dance with horse tail wand wrapped in gold.

The television is a metaphor and symbol in this adaptation of "The Wiz." Evileene uses a remote control device to zap her enemies and too much television is the

reason Dorothy ends up in Oz and not the basement with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry.

The multimedia aspect of Theatre 11th Street's production is outstanding and original. They use film, projected images, as well as light and sound to create Dorothy's world. The cast is impressive, and again, I must reiterate, the dancing is outstanding. A few of the solos were weak but it wouldn't

be Oz if it were perfect, now it? Follow the yellow brick road to Theatre 11th Street's "The Wiz" at East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, 339-11th Street, Monday, Sept. 18, 19, 20, Sunday, Sept. 21, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 students, seniors, and youth, \$5 for those under 13. Call 234-5624 to reserve your seats now.

Saturday Trailfest offers workshops, clinics for outdoor enthusiasts

Outdoor recreation enthusiasts can participate in over 40 workshops and hands-on clinics this Saturday at the Pacific Crest Trail Association's Annual Campfest at Camp Herms in El Cerrito.

Experts will offer expert advice on everything needed for safe and enjoyable wilderness travel on foot or horseback. A sample of topics includes Dutch Oven Cooking, GIS/GPS Mapping Tools, Hiking with Children, Horse and Llama Packing, Mountain Medicine, Orienteering, Stealth Camping, Trail Maintenance, Wilderness Photography and Woodcarving.

A special program for younger children will give moms and dads an opportunity to enjoy the clinics and workshops without junior in tow. An auction of outdoor recreation gear from some of the country's best known manufacturers, and a traditional campfire program featuring old fashion sing-alongs and cowboy poet, Bill Roberts, will round out the day.

Pacific Crest Trail Guidebook co-authors Jeffrey Schaffer and Dr.

Ben Schiffrin will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the making of the PCT and how to enjoy it. Several PCT thru-hikers will also be on hand to show pictures and discuss their hikes on the longest completed scenic trail in the country.

Dr. Ben York, the only person to thru-ride the trail in one season, will be on hand to discuss his experience and offer advice to trail riders on Gently Use and low-impact stock packing.

Cartographer Tom Harrison, will discuss map reading and the types of maps to use when planning a trip in the wilderness.

Dr. Schiffrin will discuss wilderness first aid in a session entitled "Blisters Bumps and Bruises" and cold weather first aid in another entitled "Hell, and When It Freezes Over."

Representative of the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Alameda County Search and

Rescue, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and Contra Costa County Search and Rescue will also be on hand for demonstrations and seminars.

Camp Herms is located just off Arlington Blvd. between Protrero Avenue and Mosser Lane, and border Wildcat Canyon Regional Park. A free shuttle will run every half-

hour between the Del Norte BART station and Camp Herms.

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Events

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by Laura Fischer

Goings On About Town

Children
Young People's Enrichment Classes: starting September, cooking, drawing, knitting, music exploration, kids aerobics, youth yoga, Y Basketball League, youth hall, Albany YMCA; call for brochure and more information, 525-1115.
Museum of Children's Art: The Museum of Children's Art is a museum where any child has access to viewing, creating and exhibiting art. The MOCHA gallery exhibits art created by children locally, nationally and internationally. The art studio allows them the opportunity to create art in workshops, classes, field trips or on their own.
Berkeley Public Library
Baby Bounce and Toddler Tales: Tuesdays at 7 p.m., through Nov. 19; for your very young children (up to age 3) programs of songs, rhymes, simple finger books and fingerplays; each half-hour story time includes multicultural stories, some guitar playing, and at the end a song or rhyme in Spanish; West Oakland, 1125 University Ave.; 644-6870.
Lawrence Hall of Science
Science and Math After School: registration begins Sept. 6; classes begin Oct. 6; enrich your child's experiences with LHS after-school programs for preschool through high school students. Classes meet once a week at 4 p.m. for eight weeks; programs include "Sampler" classes for K-1 students; "Up Science and Math," featuring science and math experiments with electricity and colorful Science and Math, featuring astronomy, animal camouflage, games, and color mixing. New classes include Net Navigator (ages 4-6) and Web Page Wonders (ages 5-8); 642-5134.
Commercial Drive, below Grizzly Peak: 642-5123.
Sept. 18 and 19
Surfing the Web for Seniors: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; a world of information, resources, and fun for older adults on the web. A two-hour workshop specifically designed for seniors featuring hands-on computer experience and individual assistance; Lawrence Hall of Science, above the Berkeley campus on Centennial Ave., below Grizzly Peak Boulevard; 642-5134.
Sept. 19
Friday Night Folkdancing: 8 p.m.; Benson teaching international dances, also well known Bay Area teachers Croft, Bill and Louise Lidiczy. Yvonne Levy will be teaching dances from the Balkans, Greece, France and more; request dances from 9-11 p.m.; dancing, no partners needed; Albany YCA, 921 Kains Ave., 848-5289.
Sept. 20
Small Business Development series: a Vista Community College program designed for startup companies;

topics include small business management, marketing analysis and strategy, small business financial management, and more; enroll at Vista, 2020 Milvia St. between University and Addison; Berkeley; 893-4114 or 841-8431; \$19.50.

Ongoing
Exploring Values: 9 a.m. - noon; part of St. John's Senior Center's Cultural Studies program, supported by Berkeley Adult School, sponsored by the National Council on Aging, Inc., and the National Endowment for the Humanities, materials encourage discussions to examine different viewpoints addressed in each session and invites the readers to explore the reasons why people develop their particular point of view; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; 849-0620 or 845-6830.

International Folk Dancing: 7:45 - 9:45 p.m.; eight weeks long; the class will be taught by four eager, enthusiastic instructors who welcome all; no experience necessary! Energetic and fun; Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley; 525-0174; \$20 (for eight weeks).

Health, Fitness & Community Education: classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - \$10 drop in fees.

Salsa Lessons: 7-8 p.m., beginners, 8-9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrici Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio
Tribal Bellydance with "Luna": Sundays at 10:15 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Latin Rhythms with Tedje Rose: Sundays 12:30 p.m. & Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Brazilian Dance with Conceicao: Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m. World Beat Workout with Kristi Rudolf: Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
 1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1838; \$7 - \$9.

Community Events

Sept. 21
Breakfast with Ellen Tauscher: 10 a.m. - noon; Senator Barbara Lee hosts the 10th District Congresswoman as she discusses "What changes are our women Leaders Bringing to Public Policy?" H's Leadership", Berkeley; 530-9022; \$50, proceeds of the event go toward the retirement of Senator Lee's campaign debt.
PURRS: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Pets are Us Rescue and Renegade Services Adoption Day at South Shore Shopping Center, 2310 South Shore Drive, Alameda; there will also be information and referrals available on rabbits and other rescued pets; 444-3204.
Auctions in Berkeley: 4 - 7 p.m.; auction and sale of folk art from around

the world; a great opportunity to acquire some eclectic one of a kind pieces of art and have a good time; Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., corner of Rose, Berkeley.

Sept. 22
Castro Elementary School PTA Book Fair: noon - 3 p.m.; through Sept. 26; additional sales 7 - 9 p.m. Thursday Sept. 25; 7125 Donal Ave., El Cerrito.

Sept. 23
Fall Equinox Celebration: 2-7 p.m.; Berkeley Farmers' Market celebrates the autumnal equinox with live music, featuring Jack West and Curvature; Smilin' Ears, and The Hanes Family; Derby St. at Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Sept. 24
Banned Books Reading: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; members of the Berkeley community will read from books challenged or banned in libraries across the U.S. during the past year; Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge; 644-6100.

Ongoing

PediatricCare assists children and families who are coping with life-threatening illness and loss. Volunteer recruiting begins Sept. 6. Volunteers make home visits and facilitate support groups for children and their families who are coping with these challenges. 208-3535.

Buy Coffee, Rescue Animals: Mocha Lisa Espresso Bar and Cafe will donate \$1 per pound of coffee purchased to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation through December; Vinyards Shopping Center, Willow Shopping Center in Concord; College Avenue at Alcatraz, Berkeley; 825-7724.

Cars for a Cure: help children and adults suffering from devastating digestive diseases by donating your used car, truck or motorhome to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, Inc. (Greater Bay Area Chapter). Receive a valuable tax deduction and free towing and/or pickup. All proceeds directly benefit programs, services and research to find a cure; (415) 578-6590 or 1-800-3-AUTO-77.

Fifty-Five Fitness Association: 8:45 a.m.; second Sunday of each month; three mile walk/run, wear good running or walking shoes, all levels of ability are welcome, coffee meeting at a nearby restaurant afterward; Tilden Park, Inspiration Point; 530-2790.

Volunteers needed: Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 484-1515.

Seeking Volunteers: Help East Bay children who face loss and serious illness within their families. PediatricCare volunteers make home visits and facilitate support groups for children and their families who are coping with these challenges; 32 hour training begins Sept. 6; 208-3535.

Song Contest: Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 94706 Deadline is Oct. 15.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Care program: Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center
 Sept. 18; travel; Jackie Hetmans shows slides of Borneo.
 Sept. 25; health; Mary Diamond leads exercises.

Call for the regular weekly schedule. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

North Berkeley Senior Center
 Sept. 18; 1 p.m.; Writing from Your Life with Ann Singer
 Call for support groups and special services.

Sept. 19; 1 p.m.; video opera "Madama Butterfly"

Sept. 22; 1 p.m.; documentary: "The Maestro: King of the Cowboy Artists"

Sept. 23; 9 - 11 a.m.; blood pressure measured by Alice Meyer

Sept. 24; 9:45 p.m.; Feldenkrais with Betty Chipkin

Sept. 25; 1 p.m.; video movie "High Noon"

Call for support groups and special services.

1901 Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 644-6107.

Exhibits

Sept. 20 & 21
Susan Brooks and Carol Lee Shanks: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Brooks, artist and jeweler, and Shanks, designer of art-to-wear clothing, will show new work; Strawberry Creek Design Center, 1250 Addison St. #214; 845-2612.

Sept. 24
Oil Paintings: through Oct. 21; an exhibit by Marco Vangelisti; weekends 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; artist reception Sept. 27 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.; The Fig Tree Gallery, 2599 Eighth St., #42, Berkeley; 540-7843.

Sidney Gordin (1918 - 1996): An Artist's Journey: through Nov. 2; a one person exhibit surveying five decades of painting and sculpture; Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St.; 644-6893.

Ongoing
Don Melandry: through September; a 15 year retrospective of the local Berkeley photographer's work entitled "Local People, Their Portraits and Weddings"; anyone recognizing a person they know in any of the photos wins a complimentary portrait sitting; Espresso Roma Cafe gallery, corner of Hopkins and Monterey.

Gourds: through Oct. 10; Nancy Miller exhibits her unique collection, including gourds decorated with beads, bones, ostrich feathers, black bamboo, and flowers. "It is the gourds themselves,

with their great diversity of shape, surface mottling, and color that help determine how the finished work will look," said Miller; Off Center Gallery, 2136 Oxford St., Berkeley; 644-9695.

Beyond the Shadow: through Oct. 26; a dynamic art exhibit featuring works by women who have survived breast cancer, with an educational series focusing on issues related to the detection, treatment and survival of breast cancer; presented by Alta Bates Medical Center, Salick Health Care, Inc., and the Oakland Museum of California; Oakland Museum of California Collectors Gallery, 1000 Oak St., Oakland; additional pieces will be on view at the Alta Bates Medical Center Lobby Gallery.

1997 James D. Phelan Art Awards in Printmaking: through Oct. 3; awards presentation and reception for the artists Sept. 11 6 - 8 p.m.; sponsored by the San Francisco Foundation and administered by Kala Art Institute; Workshop Media Center Gallery, 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 549-2977.

Layers of Meaning: through Oct. 12; paintings, prints and sculpture by Laurie Marson, Jean Hearst, Pamela Johnson, Dorothy Porter, Pat Oyama, Joy Stockdale; ACCI Gallery.

Ceramic Still Life: through Dec. 13; The California College of Arts and Crafts presents a survey of work by over 40 contemporary ceramic artists from throughout the United States; CCAC's Oliver Art Center at the Oakland Campus, 5212 Broadway; 594-3650.

New Pieces: quilts by Jim Silas Smoot II of Chicago, Kyra Hicks of Kansas City, and Sherry Whetstone-McCall of Kansas City; through Sept. 30; 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-6779.

My Sister, My Sister: throughout October; artists' reception Sept. 19; photos by Meredith Stout, poetry by Zelda Brown; Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany; 524-0291.

Rhythm & Form: through Sept. 19; Visual Reflections on Arabic Poetry presented by the Cultural and Visual Resource Division of the International Council for Women in the Arts; the UC Departments of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, the Department of Art Practice and the Department of Anthropology; Worth Ryder Gallery, 116 Kroeber Hall, UC-Berkeley.

Folding Screens: Jim Grant, Madeleine Nieta, Jennifer Ewing, Otto Rojas and others working in wood, metal, canvas and rubber; many people live in shared spaces. An elegant room screen by an artist may be an economical and dramatic solution; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday through Sept. 21; artist's reception Aug. 24, 5 - 8 p.m.; Viva! Gallery, 1440 University Ave., Berkeley; 548-3791.

Baua Devi: through Oct. 26; a debut exhibition by the Indian artist of paintings on paper and a selection of other works by other artists from the Mithila

region of northeastern India; part of the MATRIX program; Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Jews, Germany, Memory: Photographs by Edward Serotta, 1988 - 96: the Berlin-based photojournalist's thought-provoking photos and text probe the future of Jewish life in contemporary unified Germany; through Oct. 12; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Lectures and Workshops

Sept. 18
An Evening with James Hillman: 7:30 p.m.; the author of *The Soul's Code* presents a slide screening and conversation with artist Margot McLean, and will also give copies of *Dream Animals*, just published by Chronicle Books; King Middle School, 1781 Rose St.; advance tickets \$10 at independent bookstores: Avenue Books, Black Oak, Cody's, Diesel, GAIA, Pegasus, Pendragon, Walden Pond Books.

Artist Salon: 7 p.m.; a slide presentation by artists Doub Burch, painting, Melisse Herman, sculpture and mixed media; and Carl Linkhart, painting, on their work. Followed by a lively discussion; Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley.

Sept. 19
City Commons Club: 11:15 a.m.; Dash Butler, Berkeley Chief of Police on "Your Berkeley Police"; meetings in the historic Julia Morgan designed Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave.; lunch 11:45 - 12:15, \$10.75, \$12.25; admission with coffee \$1; students free.

Sept. 20
Plan Your Estate Day: 10:30 a.m.; attorney Dennis Clifford, author of *Plan Your Estate* will discuss estate planning strategies from the simple to the sophisticated; information on probate avoidance, trusts, living wills and more, all are welcome, bring your questions; Nolo Press, 950 Parker St., Berkeley; 704-2248 to reserve a space.

Sept. 21
Tibetan Yoga: 6 - 7 p.m.; Ralph McFall on "Tibetan Movement and Relaxation Techniques" called "Kum Nye." Developed by Tarthang Tulku from ancient Tibetan practices; The Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley; 843-6812.

Sept. 22
Politics of Motherhood: Take Back the Issue: 7:30 p.m.; the National Women's Political Caucus presents the third in its policy series with panel members Carol Joffe, Ph.D., professor of Sociology and Women's Studies at UC-Davis; Cynthia Carey-Grant, President-elect of California Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League; Shelley O'Neill, the National Student Organizer for Medical Students for Choice; and State Senator Barbara Lee; Cafe de la Paz, 1600 Shattuck Ave.; 527-1798.

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Lack of kicker kicks Cougars in opener

By Jelani Harper

What a difference a place kicker makes.

For Albany High, the absence of their regular place kicker meant the difference between a loss and a win as they fell to St. Patrick's of Benicia 21-18 last Saturday.

St. Patrick's 21
Albany 18

Each team scored an equal amount of touchdowns, but without their regular place kicker Albany failed to convert their extra point attempts while St. Patrick's was able to do so.

St. Patrick's opened up the scoring in the sixth minute of the first quarter with a short five-yard touchdown run. Ironically the Bruins missed the ensuing extra point attempt; it was the only time in the game when they would make such a mistake.

With just two minutes left in the quarter Albany tied the game when quarterback Billy Zeier hit wide receiver Anthony Brown in the end zone from 15 yards out. The Cougars failed their two point conversion, but in the eighth minute of the second quarter Zeier threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Rob Onweller to put his team on top.

Albany's lead was short lived however, because with less than four minutes remaining in the half St. Patrick's scored on a two yard run to reclaim their lead. Only minutes before starting quarterback Mike Clark had been injured and was replaced by Mike Kennedy, who would galvanize St. Patrick's running game into action.

Late in the third quarter Albany would regain the lead when Zeier ran 43 yards to score on a quarterback draw, putting his team ahead, 18-13. Once again the Cougars attempted a two point conversion, and once again they failed to make good on their extra points.

On the following kickoff, Nick Teleco ran the ball back to Albany's 45 yard line. A few plays later at the start of the fourth quarter Teleco gave St. Patrick's the lead for good when he scored from one yard out. Jed Madella reached the end zone for the two point conversion, and St. Patrick's never looked back.

"I thought my team played hard and they showed a lot of pride," remarked head coach Anthony Freeman. "The teams scored equal touchdowns: (St. Patrick's) got their extra points, we didn't. If we had a kicker we'd be in better shape, but

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Albany quarterback Billy Zeier looks for a receiver as he is taken down by St. Patrick's during a 2-point conversion attempt.

Jeff Lindquist

Panthers not where they want to be to after loss to Riordan

By John Gardella

St. Mary's football coach Dan Shaughnessy told his team this upcoming Saturday is a new day. He told the Panthers huddled on the field last Saturday that it counts where they finish, not where they started.

For the team's sake, and the coach's well being, let's hope they bought into his speech, because where they started - with a 14-6 loss at Archbishop Riordan High in San Francisco -

is definitely not where they want to be. The Panthers were clearly the favorites against Riordan as they will be for most of their games this season.

St. Mary's is chock full of talent - speed, strength, size and experience make them one of the league favorites. And last season's 5-5 season was supposed to be an aberration.

But against the Crusaders - at least on the offensive side of the ball - the Panthers looked a lot more

like last season's average regional power it's be this year.

"Riordan pretty much down on offense," Shaughnessy said. "But we get this game. We have back against Alameda."

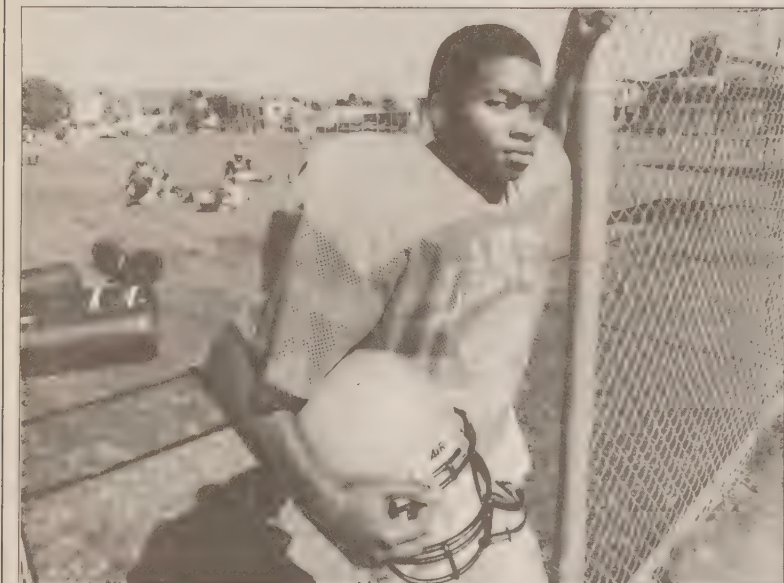
Riordan's cornerbacks Donald Strickland, who he'll have a few Division coaches inviting him to prospective campuses for the Panthers for 87 yards and just eight carries. Strickland wasn't just gains, burly Rajan Rana running through the Panthers.

But the Panthers did it season opener on defense. Mary's limited the Crusaders total yards of offense, ground, and just eight first downs. Matt Himmelstein led the 1/2 sacks and Rashad Jamir another QB sack.

"I thought we did a great job on defense," said Shaughnessy after the loss. "We didn't in practice, but we did OK."

The offense, though,

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Larry Young has been given a second chance after emerging from a coma to play the sport he loves.

Jeff Lindquist

Road to recovery

Former Berkeley QB Larry Young's remarkable comeback from an auto crash leads him to Lane

By Jelani Harper

Larry Young used to drive fast. The 17-year-old Lane College quarterback still gets excited when describing his last car, a '95 Acura Integra: "I had tinted the windows, about 20 percent, so people couldn't see into it, and I had also put chrome around the tires. I put a spoiler kit on and it was looking fly. I used to love that car, I probably loved it too much and that's why it got taken away from me."

On Nov. 14 of last year Young lost his car and nearly his life when he was involved in an auto accident on Highway 880 just past the Embarcadero exit.

The former Berkeley High starting quarterback admits he was speeding, and that when another car cut him off he swerved to avoid

being hit and lost control.

The car flipped over five times and smashed against a nearby set of railroad tracks. Young's two teammates who were riding with him managed to pull themselves from the wreckage and into the hospital's emergency room; Young meanwhile had slipped into a coma. When he would awaken nearly three weeks later, he couldn't remember a thing.

"I remember waking up in the hospital, and I didn't know where I was," Young recalled. "The first person I could see was my mama, so I called to her and asked 'Where am I?' She told me, 'You're in the hospital Larry'. I asked her what happened and she told me I was in a car accident, then I asked her where was my car was. As soon as she told me my car was totaled, I

went right back to sleep."

Thankful he's alive

Young can laugh at memories now but back then had little to laugh about. Doctors had only given him a fifty percent chance for survival, and had suffered a hematoma in his brain. But after a successful surgery operation, Young was able to check out the hospital the day before Thanksgiving.

"I'm just grateful to be alive," Young said in regards to his accident, "because not even makes it through these things. Just look at Princess Diana. Died. And I probably was a fast, too. I used to just... I had no reason."

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Cal must corral Parker to stop Sooners

By John Gardella

He reminds his coach of Greg Pruitt, the great University of Oklahoma running back from the early '70s. Cal coach Tom Holmoe sees in him shades of another Sooners great, Billy Simms. Defensive end Jerry DeLoach remains in the present and compares him favorably to UCLA's Skip Hicks.

There is no secret recipe for the host Golden Bears this Saturday against Oklahoma: The key to winning is as simple as preparing Jell-O, stop De'Mond Parker, the Sooners' mercurial running back.

However, knowing what to do is one thing, containing the sophomore who is third in the nation in rushing after two games, averaging 158.5 yards per game, is quite a different matter. The Bears can't just add water and wait for him to set.

In its season-opening romp over the University of Houston, Cal's defense stuffed the Cougars' attack, limiting them to 165 total yards. Houston's fine tailback Ketric Sanford rushed 12 times for just 79 yards. The Bears know it won't be so easy this time. Heck, Parker can run 79 yards on one carry.

"Last year Parker was a part-time starter," said Holmoe. "He got into the Nebraska game and he was kind of held in check. And then in

the fourth quarter he had 144 yards ... in a quarter ... against Nebraska. He can explode at any time."

The Bears appear to have the luxury of focusing all of their attention on the Sooners running attack. In its 36-34 upset win over Syracuse two weeks ago, Oklahoma (1-1) threw the ball just six times. The Sooners controlled the clock mainly by handing the ball off to Parker and letting him do the rest. Although he didn't score in the game, Parker carried the ball 31 times for 239 yards.

"There is no question that we will be aware of where Parker is at all times," said Holmoe, whose team after one game ranks second in the nation in total defense. "He is a huge part of their offense. We'll, hopefully, spend a lot of time around him."

DeLoach, Cal's starting defensive end, said stuffing the Sooners' rushing depends on being in the right place at the right time.

"We have to be in the right position to stop the run," the sophomore said. "They come out of the huddle real fast, so the main thing is to get set and be properly aligned. If we come out, stop the run and get them to pass the ball we'll have a pretty good chance."

Junior linebacker Justin Flagg, who recorded five tackles and had a fumble recovery in the Houston game, and replaces Keith Miller (ligament sprain in knee) in the

'There is no question that we will be aware of where Parker is at all times.'

—CAL COACH TOM HOLMOE

starting lineup, said Parker's combination of strength and speed makes him a formidable weapon.

"He's a great runner," DeLoach said. "He's a hard, fast runner, he runs with passion, and he never gives up. He shows no signs of weakness. The key is for everyone to play their assignments, to keep leverage on him; not letting him break one for 30 or 40 yards every time."

On his way to being named Big 12 Conference Newcomer of the Year last season, Parker averaged 6.6 yards per carry and gained 640 yards in a four-week period. He appears to be even better as a sophomore.

"He is so much improved in everything he does on the field," said his coach, John Blake. "He does everything it takes for us to win."

If the Bears intend to win their home opener, start 2-0, and maintain their national rankings in defense, they can't allow Parker to do much of anything.

Tragedy strikes Berkeley player is killed in crash

By Jelani Harper

Less than 24 hours before its first pre-season game, tragedy once again struck Berkeley High's football team.

On the night of Friday the 12th starting linebacker Jason Jenkins was killed in an auto accident while riding with five other Berkeley players. The youths were returning from the Skyline/Logan football game

and were traveling along highway 13.

According to Berkeley athletic director and head football coach Joe Martin the players had decided to exit on Moraga road to get something to eat, when suddenly they changed their minds. They turned back onto the freeway at the last minute and lost control of the minivan in which they were riding. Jenkins, who was not wearing his seat belt, flew through the windshield and was killed instantly.

"Jason was the type of kid who did everything you asked him to

do," explained Martin. "He helped out other kids and even helped out a kid who was in a car accident. But you couldn't have met a better kid."

Ironically, that Sunday morning and defensive coordinator Mike Weaver were planning to take Jenkins to the 49ers game. He had been his first professional ball game, and he was excited about the possibility of going. In Friday's events Martin mentioned to cancel Saturday's game with Galileo High. But that

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EC crushes Castlemont in tune-up for ACCAL opener at Encinal

By John Gardella

If the cosmos were in order and the planets were in perfect alignment, the El Cerrito-Encinal match-up wouldn't be until the end of the season - a game to determine the winner of the

El Cerrito 63
Castlemont 0

Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League after both teams went undefeated.

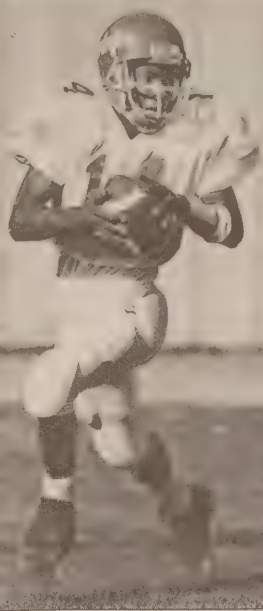
Well, blame Mir or the cool little robot meandering around Mars. Tension and suspense aren't allowed to build for this one as the Gauchos and Jets square off in Alameda Friday in both teams' ACCAL openers.

It may as well be the season opener for both teams, because the

non-leagues game last week amounted to much more than a tune-up. Neither team gave up a point. Both teams, however, were in the plane of the end zone. El Cerrito scored 63 points against Castlemont, which scored 42 points in its season-opening win.

"It's nice to open up with a win," said EC coach Frank Miller. "After what we did went well. After

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The road to recovery was long and at times painfully slow for Young. His neck was practically immobile with stiffness, and it would take months of physical therapy and chiropractic treatment for it to heal. The quarterback was put in a home care program, and for the first time Young had to rely on the help of others for his every need.

"I had to be with my parents every minute of every day," Young remembers. "And the thing was I felt fine except for my neck. But the doctor said they had to watch me like that for 35 days. I had to get rides from people to go to parties and everything. I'm like, not a solo guy, but I'm used to doing things for myself so it was hard."

Quarterback challenge

Eventually Young's neck got better and his independence returned, and by the following April he was driving again. That month he also began seriously working out and he entered the Quarterback High School Challenge at Kezar Stadium.

Young competed with the top 25 quarterbacks from the Bay Area in various drills that tested speed, agility, and throwing accuracy. He finished second and was only five points

away from the winner.

"The guy that beat me went on to the Nationals and took second place there," Young said. "That's what hurt me, 'cause I knew that if I had beat him I would have been right there at the top."

Back to business

Once he had proved himself on the football field again, Young quickly became the subject of an intense recruiting war between Fresno City College and Laney. Young eventually chose Laney because it was closer to home, and is now currently competing with two other players to back up starting quarterback Jayce Goree.

The competition however, doesn't faze him. "Ever since I was playing Pop Warner football," recalls the 5-10, 160-pounder, "people would say, 'When he gets to midgets, he won't be playing quarterback any more,' because of my size."

In midgets they would say the same thing about high school, even though I started my 11th and 12th grade years."

Young pauses and wrinkles his face, perhaps considering the road he's traveled, perhaps considering the future ahead of him.

"Now they're saying, 'You're too short for quarterback in college.' But I ain't trying to hear that, man."

Berkeley...

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ing he was contacted by Jenkins' family who urged him to play the game in honor of Jason.

The Yellowjackets fell 21-14 to Galileo in what was for them an emotionally charged game. Martin explained, "We were ahead throughout the game and our defense held them to a net 45 yards. We lost the game on offense; our defense gave us the ball four times inside of their 20 yard line and we didn't score."

The Yellowjackets have a relatively young team and Martin concedes that inexperience may have played a part in the loss. On Saturday's game he started six sophomores, and he's prepared to start even more for this Friday's contest with Logan. The

game will be played at Berkeley High at 7:30 p.m. and will be the first night game in the school's history.

Jenkins' death is the third tragedy to strike Berkeley's football team in less than a year. Last November three players were nearly killed in an auto accident on highway 880 (see story above) and another player was killed in an altercation outside of school just days after the season ended.

"Jason's death is real sad in light of the fact that, for us as a staff and for the kids that we've been working with, this has been an ongoing thing," remarked Martin. "We had the two tragedies last year and now we open the season with this. Hopefully this will be the last of it but I'm learning that this seems to be something that just continues to happen."

Funeral arrangements are being arranged for Jason Jenkins.



Albany's Zach Bogart drags St. Patrick's tackler for a few more yards after catching a pass. Jeff Lindquist

EC...

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damage (with Vallejo) it was to come out with confidence." How dominating were the Gauchos? And how bad were the Gauchos? The answer to both questions is very.

With the Gauchos ahead 42-0 at the half, one which last 1:45, both coaches agreed to allow the clock to run through the second half. But didn't slow EC down much. The Gauchos still managed three

more scores before the final whistle mercifully sounded.

The Gauchos scored their first touchdown at the 9:16 mark of the first quarter when quarterback Isaac Phelps scampered 22 yards for the score. It was the third play of the drive, which included two runs by Hartzell Swann of 17 and 15 yards.

"I was very pleased with the way Phelps performed," said Milo. How couldn't he be?

The senior learned well behind George Phillips last season. Phelps ran for the first touchdown. Later in the first — after David Martin re-

covered a fumble caused by Teonta Jones-Phillips connected with Jackson Taylor on a 19-yard score, giving EC a 21-0 lead after 9:15 of play.

Swann and Marcus Parham, the two seniors burdened with the unenviable task of replacing Antoine Lacy and Ed Dyer, each scored two touchdowns.

In a fit of understatement, Milo said, "Swann and Parham ran the ball pretty well."

Of course, as was the case last season when EC ran roughshod over opponents until its playoff

loss in the first round, Milo said he is concerned with his team being over-confident after such an easy win.

The offensive line, which was a question mark for EC, especially with star lineman Michael Bigbee on the sidelines with a broken bone in his foot, dominated the over-matched Castlemont defense.

"I thought both our lines did a great job," said Milo.

"It could be a problem," he said. "If we are too confident heading against Encinal we could be in trouble."

Panthers...

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approve as the Panthers prepare for their Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener at home against Alameda at 1 p.m. Saturday.

St. Mary's smash-mouth football was, at best, mediocre. Paki

Gordon rushed for 123 yards on 31 carries, but four other runners combined for nine yards. The Panthers' only score came early in the second quarter, when Gordon capped off a five-play drive, in which he carried the ball each time, by rushing in from the 6-yard line.

The Crusaders scored their first touchdown after a Max Slendebroek

(4 for 10, 44 yards) interception gave Riordan the ball at SM's 24-yard line. Six plays later, Ravanera tied the game when he hurled in from the 1-yard line. The PAT gave the Crusaders a 7-6 lead.

The only time the Panthers' defense faltered was on the first series in the second half. The Crusaders started the half with the ball at their

own 25 and rushed 75 yards on 10 plays, culminating in Ravanera's 15-yard score. It was Strickland who keyed the drive with a 37-yard run into St. Mary's territory.

"Strickland broke a couple on us today," said Shaughnessy. "I wouldn't say the defense faltered. You have to give Riordan all the credit."

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we had to try to score on our extra points and that hurt us a little bit."

Albany did threaten to score again late in the fourth quarter, but one of its tight ends dropped a pass in the end zone.

The Cougars have a relatively young team, made up of mostly sophomore and juniors. The team

has only four seniors, and many of its players did not play on the team last year.

"I just think we need to work on our consistency a little more with our offense in terms of moving the ball down the field and finishing," said Freeman. "And I think we need to work on our passing and pass blocking a little more. But we'll be fine."

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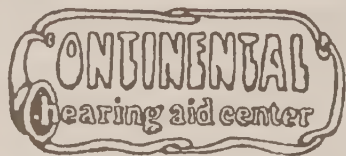
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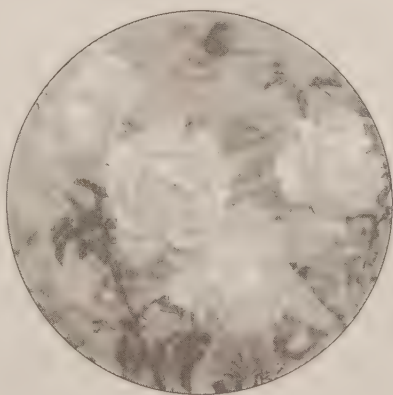
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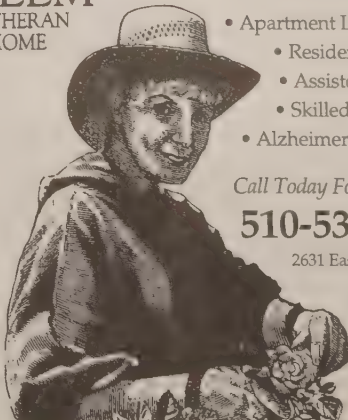
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101 Autos

ACURA Integra LS, 1994, 4 door. Excellent condition. 43K. \$14,500. Oldsmobile Cutlass, 1979, \$3000 best offer 482-4337.

CADILLAC 1985, 4 door Brough, Excellent condition, like new leather, 1 owner, must see, bring offer 522-0333.

HONDA Accord LX 1989. Black 4-door, sunroof, runs good, 137K, \$3,750 or best offer 523-4184.

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TOYOTA Celica 1983, 120K, 5-speed, sunroof, outside control, AC, very reliable, runs well, \$2,200 523-2407.

TOYOTA Celica GT 1986, 1999 2 door, runs good. 106K \$2940. 484-1559.

VOLKSWAGEN Golf GTI, 14K miles, white, 5 speed, AC, sunroof, ABS, Air bag, dehumidifier, Mobil One, all records. \$16K or best offer. 510-204-9321.

VOLVO 1986, station wagon 2400L, automatic, top condition, with service records, 130K, \$8100 or best offer, 565-1551 evenings and weekends.

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As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Drive, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland. 510-255-0330.

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR PARENTS OF TEENAGERS starting September and October in Walnut Creek and Berkeley. Learn about the "I Need You".... "Leave Me Alone" relationship, and share support with your peers. Gloria Grant, M.F.C.C. (510)255-0330.

LOVE to cook, love to eat. Dining group forming. Join other new friends. 893-8127.

206 Found

MALE neutered Golden Retriever mbr 1-2 years old. Redwood Heights at Gregory Street. 452-1255.

FOUND pet bird, Rockledge area. Call to describe 653-4711.

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. FREE. Call 510-444-3204.

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SWEET Dalmatian, needs loving home with plenty of exercise and affection. 841-2069. A wonderful dog!

CAT, male, striped gray/white belly. September 5th. Mr. Grizzly Peak (Tilden). \$100 Reward. 525-0672.

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"DANIEL" 5 year, DSH, Birman snowhose Siamese Affectionate, neutered, tested, shots. Donation. Marc 444-3204.

TESSA/ Emma, two rescued cats. Tested, spayed, shots, waiting for a good home. Donation. 632-4631.

GRAY/black striped cat, bushy tail, with collar. August 4th near Hamilton/ Harrison Street. 833-3118.

CAT, Solid gray male. August 26th, near High Street. Maybe going to Glenview area. 530-6149.

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302 Childrens Schools & Camps

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303 Instruction & Tutoring

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PHLEBOTOMY/ Blood Drawing Course by Boston Reed Company. 1-800-201-1141. State Licensed Instructor.

304 Musical Instruction

ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons. 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9-90. 531-5625 message.

PIANO: Wanted: enthusiastic students who love music and learning. All ages/abilities welcome. Master teacher (former conservatory faculty); high energy, individualized program. Judith Meliss, 843-4541.

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PIANO Lessons. Professional pianist with degree in education. Lessons for children all levels. 510-944-0787.

PIANO lessons Russian concert pianist. 20 years teaching experience. All ages - levels welcomed. Telina 426-1731.

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Shipping Supervisor

Seeking a Shipping Supervisor for the graveyard production shift. Responsibilities include: organizing production and procedures of warehouse, maintaining an effective production schedule for truck departures, overseeing the loading dock. Five years experience in warehouse management, preferably in the food industry. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Bilingual in Spanish a plus. We offer an excellent benefits package and competitive salary.

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Seeking a Pricing Coordinator to maintain chain store data base. Candidates must have strong PC skills, attention to detail. Excellent communication and coordinating skills. Previous experience with PC and accounting applications desired.

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Seeking a Transportation Clerk with strong clerical skills. PC knowledge to include: Word, Excel. Candidates must have at least three years experience in a fast paced environment. Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills. Previous experience in transportation helpful.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-4938
The Name of the Business:
PTW ELECTRONIC, 1569 Limwood Place,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5223
The Name of the Business:
Blimpie of Martinez, 1770 Arnold Dr., Suite 100,
Martinez, CA 94553
Is registered by the following owner:
Richard A. Craig, 1170 Arnold Dr., #100, Mar-
tinez, CA 94553
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business
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August 26, 1997.
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T.S. NO. 02655628 Notice of Trustee's Sale under
Deed of Trust. You are in default under a Deed of
Trust, dated 02/03/87. Unless you take action to
protect your property, it may be sold at public sale.
If you need an opinion of the nature of the
proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer.
Notice is hereby given that Wolf & Richards, a Law
Corporation, as substituted trustee pursuant to the
Deed of Trust executed by Michael A. Lages, an
unmarried man Recorded 02/28/87 Inst. # 87-39005
of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder
of Contra Costa County, California, and pursuant to the
Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder, will
sell on Wednesday, September 24, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.
at the City Hall, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek,
CA at public auction to the highest bidder for cash
(payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the
United States) all right, title, and interest, conveyed to
and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the
property situated in said County and State described as
more fully described in the above mentioned Deed
of Trust. The street address and other common
designation, if any, of the real property described
above is purported to be 1200 Roosevelt Avenue,
Richmond, CA 94801. APNs 514-180-001. The
undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any
inaccuracy of the property address and other common
designation, if any, shown herein. The total
amount of the debt secured by the obligation is
secured by the property to be sold and reasonable
estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of
the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is
\$81,126.65 in addition to cash, the trustee will accept a
cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank,
check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a
check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan
association, savings association or savings bank
specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and
authorized to do business in this state. In the event
lender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may
withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds
become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter
of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant
or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, pos-
session or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness
secured by said Deed, advances thereon, and the
repaid principal balance of the note secured by said
Deed with interest thereon as provided in said note,
fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the
trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Default
September 03, 1997. Wolf & Richards, a Law
Corporation, 1400 Broadway, Suite 100, Walnut
Creek, CA 94597. For more information, contact
Wolf & Richards, a Law Corporation, 500 Newport
Center Drive, Suite 100, Newport Beach, CA 92660-7008
(714) 720-9200. Fax: (714) 720-9200. Information Only:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-4861
The Name of the Business:
BMB Consulting, 4486 Silverberry Ct., Concord,
CA 94521
Is registered by the following owners:
Marina Geiman, 4486 Silverberry Ct., Concord,
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AC Texteam, 12276 San Pablo Ave., Richmond,
CA 94805
Is registered by the following owner:
Armando Condori, 2652 Meadowlark St., San
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An Evening with Tulku Thondup
Rinpoche: 7:30 p.m.; *The Healing power
of the Mind* after First Congregational
Church of Berkeley, on Dana be-
tween Durant and Channing, suggested
donation \$10, tickets available at
Shambhala Books and GAIA or with
Visa or Mastercard through the Buddhist
Peace Fellowship, 433-9928; no one
turned away for lack of funds.

Sept. 25
An Evening with Professor Ronald
Takaki: 7:30 p.m.; "Multicultural
America: The View from Hawaii" is the
title of the Professor of Ethnic Studies at
UC-Berkeley's talk; Berkeley Public Li-
brary, South Branch, 1901 Russell St., at
Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 644-6860.
Opera Lecture: 7 p.m.; Friends of
the Kensington Library present Michael
Barclay of Opera Education International
on Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman";
Kensington Community Center (Youth
Hall), 61 Arlington Ave.; 525-9604.

International House
Sept. 18; 7:30 p.m.; Latino Admis-
sion to UC-Berkeley with Dr. Eugene
Garcia, UC-Berkeley Dean and Profes-
sor of the Graduate School of Education; \$2.

Sept. 19; Chicano-Latino Heritage

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5470
The Name of the Business:
Field of Dreams Landscaping Co., P.O. Box 304,
511 W. 3rd St., Antioch, CA 94509
Is registered by the following owner:
Delta Transport, Inc., Las Vegas 89126,
Nevada.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
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September 3, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-5387
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Dan Xia Consulting Associates, 56 Richardson
Rd., Kensington, CA 94707
Is registered by the following owner:
Xia Teng, 56 Richardson Rd., Kensington, CA
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MORTGAGE MADNESS

KAREN SENZIG



One of the more essential mysteries of the mortgage process is the credit report. The first question is, "Why does this cost \$50 when I can get a consumer TRW (credit report) for \$10 to \$15?"

A full Residential Mortgage Credit Report (RMCR) is a triple search of Equifax, Experian/TRW and TransUnion credit reporting bureaus with a public records search. In this part of the country, most of the credit reporting services use only the first two bureaus unless the lender requests a third. If this were the Midwest or East Coast, TransUnion would be the primary.

The RMCR also verifies your address and employment history for at least two years. It advises the broker as to recent credit inquiries within the last 90 days and gives a credit score, a relatively new system devised to standardize the credit reporting system. A RMCR complies with all FNMA (Fannie Mae), FHLMC (Freddie Mac), FHA and VA guidelines.

The credit reporting service that Montclair Mortgage uses is Northern California Credit Service (NCCS). I like their reports because they are easy to read and explain to my clients.

Rather than ordering individual reports from each of the credit reporting bureaus, they combine the

reports in a comprehensive and simple format, according to a spokesperson at the company. A very large part of their job is customer service and research. Once we receive the credit report, there may be issues and disputes that must be addressed.

One of my clients was doing a debt consolidation, primarily for credit card debts. As we were going through the credit report we found a Bank of America Visa, with a \$7,000 payoff that wasn't his. After doing the research the NCCS issued a supplement verifying that it was not his account. This took place in about three days. Had we tried to handle it by telephone, fax and mail ourselves, it would have taken weeks.

The credit report history has eleven headings to describe the history:

- Kind of business and account number.
- Date reported and method of reporting. Method of reporting indicates how a trade item was placed in file. The two methods would be either by computer or manual. Manual input would result from additional research such as updates, corrections and supplements.
- Date the account was opened (month and year).
- The highest amount of credit

Taking a closer look at a credit report

granted for this account or installment loan.

• The term (if installment loan) how many months it is amortized and payment amount. If the account is a revolving debt (credit card) and there is no payment listed, then the payment is assumed to be percent of the balance. If it is an installment loan and there are less than ten payments remaining, the lender will not count that debt when qualifying the borrower.

- The balance owing on the account.
- Whether the account is currently delinquent.

Rather than ordering individual reports from each credit reporting bureau, all the reports are combined into one comprehensive format.

rently delinquent.

• Present Status: There are three types of credit -

I — Installment debt such as a real estate loan, auto loan, signature loan or any loan that is amortized over a period of years;
R — Revolving debt such as credit cards;
O — Open debts where the balance must be paid off monthly such as an American Express card.

Also included in status is the very important usual manner of payment. The payment record is ranked from zero to nine. A zero means the account is too new to rank. One means paid as agreed.

Two through five indicates whether payment was received 30, 60, 90 or 120 days late but not yet sent to collection.

A seven (for some reason there is no six) means the borrower is making regular payments under a Wage Earner plan or similar agreement. An eight indicates a repossession and a "V" means that merchandise was voluntarily returned by the consumer. A nine means that it is a bad debt, placed for collection, or a skip (untraceable).

- The number of months of credit history reviewed - up to 7 years or

Good news holds interest rates steady

On Sept. 11 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage remained at 7.53 percent, unchanged from last week's average. At the end of the second week of September 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 8.28 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) rose a single basis point from last week's average of 5.58 percent to 5.59 percent. A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.88 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, fell one basis point from last week's 7.08 percent to 7.07 percent. This time last year this rate was 7.81 percent.

"The increase in employment figures released last week was consistent with market expectations," said Freddie Mac deputy chief economist Frank Nothaft.

"Consequently, mortgage rates were largely unaffected and we expect a continuation of current low interest rates in the autumn months."

This year Freddie Mac cel-

brates the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

The organization supplies lenders with the money to make mortgages and then packages these mortgages into marketable securities. In this way Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by home buyers.

Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened the doors for one in six home buyers and two million renters in America. More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web site, www.freddie-mac.com.

On August 29 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for September payments at 4.887 percent, up 3 basis points from the 4.853 percent that was in effect for August payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

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Madness... Avarice permeates realty transactions

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tion regarding tax liens, judgments, or any other lien that has been placed against the borrowers' name and social security number.

Inquiries for new credit follow public records. This is one of the most disputed parts of the credit report. Often we have seen credit card companies who have run a "quickie" report (\$15 report with no public records or employment verification) without the clients' authorization or even awareness.

They are not supposed to do this but it happens. Lenders are concerned with new credit inquiries because it often takes 90 days for the account to report whether or not credit was granted, the balance and the payment.

At the end of the report are the borrowers' credit scores. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, those pseudo government agencies, worked with the credit bureaus to standardize the system. Each bureau has its own model but they are very similar in nature.

The scoring is based on a number of criteria, including but not limited to such things as: If the accounts are paid as agreed, Amount of credit granted and used, Whether there are items on the public records or collection filings, Number of accounts that are currently delinquent, Number of accounts reaching the maximum credit limit, Length of time since public filings.

The highest score I have ever seen was 815 (perfect credit) and the lowest was 480 (very poor credit). The above average borrower will have a credit score of 700 and above. The lenders will fall over themselves to grant these people a loan. Usually the minimum score for the best rates ranges from 660 to 680, depending on the lender. Scores below 620 usually require a hard money lender.

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Probably just about everyone involved in real estate — sellers, buyers, realty agents and brokers — become subject to greed to some degree. Real estate is, after all, a money game; wanting to get the most out of a transaction would, presumably be normal.

I keep asking myself if it's human nature to be greedy. The more time I spend in real estate, the more I'm inclined to believe that it's true. Greed is certainly prevalent in the business.

Some sellers, for example, insist that their homes be listed at a price far above the market value of comparable sales (homes that have recently closed escrow with

market a 50 percent chance.

Realty agents hope that sellers will consider these statistics when establishing the asking price for their homes. Many do. But, of course, the greedy ones don't in the belief that their homes are special and statistics don't apply to them.

In all fairness to greedy sellers, I believe part of the problem is emotionalism. Many sellers are so emotionally attached to their homes that they can not bear to sell; overpricing might be a subconscious way of not being able to let go.

Some reasons for selling such as death or divorce can be ex-

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essentially the same elements as these sellers' homes). They often think their homes are special and merit a higher price.

And they usually say that they don't care if their home sells quickly. The red flags for the real estate agent should be very blatant at this point. Unfortunately for these sellers, overpricing their homes will often produce the stated goal of a slow sale.

The seller's manual provided by my office states that if a home is correctly priced, relative to the market, it is 95 percent sold. If it is priced 15 percent over the market, it has a 20 percent chance of sale, 10 percent over market, a 30 percent chance and 5 percent over

tremely upsetting for sellers who would have not sold prior to such an occurrence. If at all possible, the realty agent needs to somehow support these sellers and get beyond the emotionalism and look at the sale as more of a business transaction.

While greed may be one reason for overpricing, the current seller's market certainly may be another. In a market where there are more buyers than available inventory, some sellers see an opportunity to ask just about any price for their homes with no regard for pricing rules.

This is wrong. A colleague of mine said that these sellers think

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GAYLE TANTAU

that this is 1989, a time when the sky was the limit.

Today's buyers are quite prudent when it comes to pricing. The serious ones usually have agents who have provided them with comparable sales and other tools, so these buyers are fairly well educated about the prices of the houses they are considering.

As a personal example, I recently spent quite a bit of time with prospective sellers in the hopes of acquiring a new listing. I was at least one of three agents competing for this listing.

During my presentation the sellers said that they felt comfortable with me and liked my marketing ideas. I thoroughly discussed pricing in their neighborhood. They thought I was quite wonderful. Then the bomb dropped.

Before they would tell me what they wanted for their house, I was asked to give my opinion of value. They were stunned with the recommended asking price. I was equally amazed with the exorbitant amount they wanted for their house. We were at least \$50,000 apart in what we each thought was an appropriate asking price.

At this point I went on to tell them I thought it would be doing them a disservice to put a price on their house that was so far above the sold comparables. I further told them that some agents "buy listings," accepting overpriced

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Red Oak Realty invites you on-line

Red Oak Realty recently unveiled its new, revised World Wide Web site on the Internet. The site, which can be reached at www.redoakrealty.com, features access to all available current listings in the region. For example, if one is looking for a three bedroom, two-bath home in Berkeley with over 1,200 square feet costing between \$300,000 and \$350,000, the user simply types in that information.

The search engine retrieves all matching listings from the regional multiple listing service, providing full descriptions and color photos. Sellers benefit as well as buyers, since buyers from anywhere in the world can now see their homes.

"Technology has given us the opportunity to share information which has long been the exclusive holding of real estate agents," said Bob Blumberg, one of the company's owners. "We believe that the more access to information our clients have, the better we can serve them."

If buyers can see photographs and descriptions of available properties right in their own home or office, they can help us screen properties for them. And our sellers get maximum exposure for their homes.

In addition to local listings, the site provides easy access to California Living Network, the California Association of Realtor's site which carries thousands of listings throughout California, and Realtor.com, the National Association of Realtor's site which carries

listings nationwide. If one sees properties in the Bay Area, for example, simply log in to the Red Oak Realty site and the leads.

There are direct links to McCormack's guide to Bay Area cities, providing detailed information about schools, crime, transportation, average household income and more; to the Mortgage work, where you can find a loan rate information and see how much home you can afford; Real Estate News and Information from Inman News Features, providing recent articles of interest to real estate buyers and sellers.

The user can also drop into Red Oak Gallery, which features information and samples from current gallery artists as well as art shows. The Red Oak Gallery is open to the public on a week, but one can drop in any day or night on the Web site.

There is also a section on the Red Oak Opportunity which tells how your company service group can apply to be one of this year's recipients. More than \$80,000 has been donated by this charitable fund over the past eight years.

Although there are now many offers which host Web sites, Red Oak Realty became one of the first companies locally to place listings on the Internet. "We are constantly striving to provide state-of-the-art tools and services for our agents and our clients," Blumberg said. "Our updated Web site is more step in this direction."

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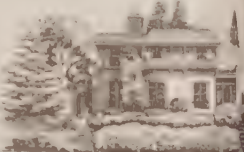


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Occasionally we have a client for Oakland's Glenview, Montclair or Trestle Glen districts; once in a while El Cerrito.

"But I'm looking for a buyer's broker," some callers say. "Are you a buyer's broker?"

Yes. That is, we are either the agents for the seller or for the buyer — never both in the same sale. So, if we represent you as buyer, we are solely your agents — your buyer's broker.

is in bad repair. She isn't planning to sell but she's concerned about the health of her house and what to do about it.

We referred her to a termite inspector and to a repairman, and we tried to reassure her that things don't appear to be nearly as worrisome as she seems to believe.

As consultants we do not write contracts but we are glad to offer an overview, discuss timing, go over the details of a typical transaction.

spend to modify the property to suit their needs and how much would be needed to buy a different property.

As is always true with real estate, emotional issues, as well as money, had to be addressed. Both of these people still had their own places to live. They traveled back and forth between them. They realized as we talked that they weren't quite sure if they wanted to live together in the same house all of the time or if they should own property together.

There were also questions about structuring a partnership between them. One had equity in his house; the other's income was much higher.

We spent some hours talking to them, sorting out the issues and looking at different approaches. It was a very interesting problem for us.

They couldn't decide what to do. About a year later their conundrum was solved when one got a job transfer. They sold and moved.

Another question we are asked is if we'll go look at a house and give an opinion of its value. If the house is located in an area where we work, one where we are familiar with sales and the owner is contemplating selling, we are glad to have this opportunity. We do not charge for this service in hopes that we may be chosen as the listing agents.

"Do you both trade off writing the column?" other people want to know.

No. Pat writes the column. In return Anet does more than the lion's

'It seems likely that you really like your job,' callers say. 'You really do have fun, don't you?'

"You do consulting for a fee, too?"

We do. For an hourly fee we help people figure out a plan, a strategy, help them get to where they are going.

These people include tenants wanting to buy their rentals (and those in the wondering-if-we-should phase); also owners who want our opinion on what kind of fix-up work to do on their homes.

Recently a woman asked us to look at her house, which she thinks

Our very favorite part of real estate is talking to our clients, gathering all the pertinent information, then figuring out together what makes most sense for them in their situation.

For example, a newly-in-love couple came to us for advice. One of them was in partnership with a friend, two houses on the same lot, which is where he had lived for many years.

Now he and his new love were trying to decide if they should propose buying out the partner, which would allow them to move into the larger house, or if they should sell and buy something else.

There were many considerations: what it would cost them to own the entire property, what they'd have to

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Clara Shelton



Laina Wood-Casillas

Mason-McDuffie's El Cerrito office recently honored Clara Shelton as the office's top lister and Laina Wood-Casillas as the top producer for the first six months of 1997.

With only two years in the real estate profession, Clara credits her results to persistence and hard work. She brings 12 years of managerial, customer-service and sales skills to her clients.

She develops instant rapport with her clients through her enthusiasm,

knowledge and professionalism, according to one of her recent sellers.

Laina has been serving clients in Contra Costa County for many years. Her clients say that she brings a special measure of understanding to the needs of her buyers, particularly first-time buyers. She is well known in her community where she and her family have lived for over 20 years.

Call Clara Shelton at 287-5833. Laina Wood-Casillas can be reached at 758-4663.

share of everything else. Each of us has chosen the parts of real estate we like best and are good at but we work together with every buyer or seller.

Another frequent inquiry: "You wrote once about a window-cleaning lady..." Also the company that removes skunks from under houses, our favorite title company, plumber and sewer-repair people, etc.

We're always more than willing to tell you whom we hire and why we like them. We only give

the names of people whose past work we personally know. But it seems only appropriate to add a disclaimer: We can't, of course, guarantee that you'll have the same experience with these people that we have.

"It seems likely that you really like your job," callers say. "You really do have fun, don't you?"

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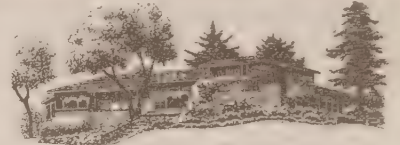
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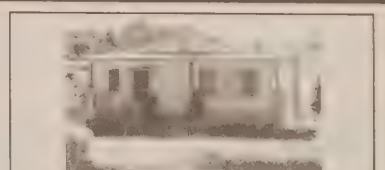
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Q: Where do mealybugs come from? I have them on my house plants. I have used spray, dust and alcohol to try to get rid of them. All with no success. What do you suggest?

A: Mealybugs are a common problem with indoor plants. They are easily recognized by the copious amount of cottony wax they produce. An adult female will deposit her eggs in the cottony mass that surrounds her body. The eggs will hatch in a week or so and the nymphs migrate all over the plant until they find a suitable resting place to feed on the plant.

The nymphs that become males form a mass of filaments and transform themselves into winged adults. These are very small and usually die within a couple of days. The female nymphs reach adulthood in four weeks.

Indoors there can be several generations a year. The mealybug population thrives on plants with succulent growth. They have no exoskeleton, so are sensitive to temperature and humidity.

Since you have had poor results with conventional control methods, you might try putting the plants outside in a shaded area. Any warm, dry conditions may kill them off.

Q: Exterior stucco plastering was left in my garden after a plastering job. The mixture contains Portland cement, sand and hydrated lime. Is this material harmful to grass, trees and shrubs?

A: This material is not normally not harmful. The hydrated lime could change the pH of the soil and that may affect plant growth. The soil's pH is based on a scale of one to 14, seven is normal, any reading at six or below is acid and a reading at eight or above is alkaline.

California soils are mostly neutral to alkaline. In the eastern part of the country, hydrated lime is added to the soil to raise the pH. Purchase a simple pH kit at your local garden center and test different areas of your yard. In those areas that read eight or higher, remove as much as the stucco as possible and treat the soil with sulfur. Do this before the rainy season. The sulfur will lower the pH to seven or lower. Although stucco cause problems, these can be easily remedied.

Q: What are the odds of a poinsettia, given as a gift last year, would still be in bloom and still have lots of green growth today?

A: It is very unusual for a poinsettia to be in bloom this time of the year. However, what you are looking at is not the bloom. The brightly colored parts of the poinsettia are modified leaves called bracts.

The actual bloom is the tiny yellow/red structure in the center of the bracts. We also see this in other plants such as bougainvillea. This plant's bloom is the white structure in the center of the colorful bracts.

Pinch any new growth so the side shoots develop. Make your last ap-



the dirt gardener

by Buzz Bertolero

plication of fertilizer this month. Next month start triggering the bloom cycle by covering the plants in the evening with a box, removing the box in the morning. Do this for six to eight weeks.

Q: Twice during the year — once in the fall and once in the spring — winged creatures emerge from the ground. Are they winged ants or termites?

A: These winged creatures are more likely flying ants than termites. It's simple to tell the difference. You don't need a magnifying glass and these creatures don't need to be still. Just examine the waist, antennae and wings.

Ants have a narrow waist an elbowed or bent antennae. Termites have a thick waist and straight antennae. They both have two sets of wings. The termites' wings are the same length; the ants' hind wings are shorter and smaller.

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In whose best interest?

By H. W. Moss

As in any profession, the language of the real estate licensee is sometimes arcane. A good example is the phrase "fiduciary duty" which an agent owes to their principal. What's a fiduciary? How does that translate in terms of duty and responsibility? And is this fealty the agent owes to their principal only, or does it extend to the other side?

You might call fiduciary responsibility the touchy-feely part of any enterprise or interaction with others which you can't quite get a handle on but that must be there if an honest relationship is to persist.

Arising from this required fiduciary duty is the intrinsic conflict created by the dual agency in which one broker represents both buyer and seller in a transaction. "Fiduciary" is a term that encompasses a whole range of activities. While they may be spelled out in the law, they are actually ideals: principles by which one should conduct both business and private life.

"People tend to use the term in the singular as if we only have one fiduciary duty," said Charlie Krackeler, managing broker with C-21 Contempo Realty in Sunny-

vale and a seminar speaker on the topic of agency ethics. "In fact we owe four separate and distinct fiduciary duties."

First, a fiduciary holds something of trust for someone else. The person who handles trust funds at a bank, for example, is a fiduciary.

A fiduciary can represent a dependent minor, an estate, the owners of 401(k) pension plans or, in the real estate industry, a principal's belief that the agent is acting in their best interests. The agency relationship is what creates this duty since an agent acts on behalf of their principal.

Krackeler defined a fiduciary as the highest level of trust bestowed on one person by another. There is no greater liability under the law than that of the fiduciary. And one who holds a fiduciary duty must put another's interest above their own.

"The first duty is to use skill, care and diligence in all of our dealings with our principal," he said. "Second, there is a fiduciary duty to account for that which we are accountable for. The most common example is trust fund money."

"Third, the fiduciary has a duty to disclose all material facts. And fourth, the fiduciary acts solely for

the benefit of the principal.

However, you owe no fiduciary duties to the buyer if you represent the seller, and vice versa according to Krackeler. You cannot lie to a seller, you have the duty of honest dealing, but you don't have to look out for their best interests.

This fiduciary responsibility goes beyond loyalty. It requires agents keep their principals' business activities confidential and they obey their wishes. Full disclosure is also part of the fiduciary job as is reasonable care in performing their job with due diligence. Agents should keep a clear and complete accounting of their actions on behalf of principals where the law is concerned.

There are two sides to every estate transaction, buyer and seller, and a real estate agent usually represents only one side. But by California law, an agent may represent both as long as it is fully disclosed to both parties. If they do represent both buyer and seller, it is a dual agency.

There is a paragraph on standard deposit receipts spelling out. It must be made crystal clear.

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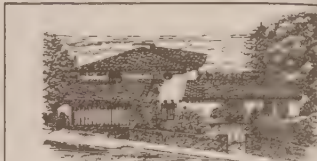
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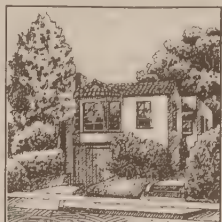
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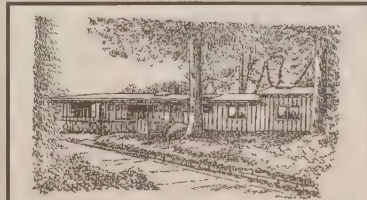
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listings hoping that the sellers will, in time, reduce the asking price.

Buying a listing is a fine example of agent greed. I was admittedly tempted to agree with the seller's price. It would have clinched the listing.

However, I just didn't feel comfortable in fooling the seller with false hopes, nor did I feel it wise of me to waste my valuable time with this listing. Needless to say, I did not get the listing but my professional integrity prevailed.

Buyers are not immune from greed. Those who make offers on properties at prices well below their value are known as low ballers.

I like to think of this as greed in reverse. Many a low baller has lost a dream home using this strategy.

Buyers and sellers alike should think about the words "fair mar-

The answer is simple: just be fair. In the end greed can only mean failure not only to buyers and sellers but to agents as well.

ket value." I believe being fair in the real estate market means being realistic and reasonable. Asking and offering prices are likely to be successful if they are fair.

The answer is simple: just be fair. In the end greed can only mean failure not only to buyers and sellers but to agents as well.

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Rain, roofs, drainage

El Niño is coming. Many people simply associate this year's pattern with the expectation of heavy rains in our area. As a real estate professional, my concern for winter 1997/1998 is an increase of both roof and drainage problems.

I have recently worked with four properties that needed extensive drainage and/or roof repairs. Three of them involved sellers whose homes I was helping prepare for sale.

Fortunately, each took my advice and ordered inspections prior to marketing. It was found that all three had drainage deficiencies serious enough to warrant additional inspections by experts. Having this information allowed us to get competitive bids and saved the sellers money.

A new roof can cost from under \$4,000 to over \$10,000. New gut-

ters and downspouts add to the bill. Drainage may run as low as several thousand dollars to more than \$20,000. With this kind of money at stake, these problems must be taken seriously.

Read the Transfer Disclosure Statement

State law requires, with a few exceptions, that buyers receive a document from the seller answering specific questions about the property, including roof and drainage. If the seller has indicated problems in either category, make sure to have them carefully investigated.

Even if the seller has not declared them as problems, roofs and drainage are two items that deserve high priority during home inspections. If you are not qualified to inspect a home on your own, it is essential to obtain the services of a

competent inspector.

Dealing with drainage

Drainage is complicated and requires high-quality experience and proficiency. There are numerous contractors out there who are willing to inspect and deal with problems outside their scope of expertise. Do not hire just anyone. An experienced Realtor will be able to provide you with names of engineers and contractors who can assess the situation.

There are three basic questions you need answered: 1) If there is a drainage problem, how serious is it? 2) What are the repair options? 3) What is the cost for the various possible fixes?

The first step is to hire an engineer or drainage contractor to look at the site. He or she should write a report and draw a diagram that includes the detailed specifications on which contractors will base their bids. You may save a few dollars by getting a verbal report, but this is a false economy. With written report in hand, get two or three bids on the work to be done.

You will find that there are numerous possible solutions and bids for each situation. In most cases, neither the expert who prepares the report nor the contractor hired to complete the repairs will guarantee to totally solve the problem. They will do their best, but determining the exact path of water is a not an

exact science.

Sometimes, more work is needed, at an additional expense, after the drainage system doesn't function as well as anticipated. Often this means opening up and digging deeper.

Roof repairs

An inspector generally includes the roof in his examination of the home. I usually wait until after the initial once-over to see if he recommends further inspection by a licensed roofer.

At other times, however, I suggest a roofer's inspection concurrent with the general home inspection. This was the case with a transaction I have currently in escrow on a house that was represented as having no roof leaks. Because the roof has a very shallow pitch, and based on previous experience, I suggested to my buyers that they invest \$75 in a roof inspection.

As it turned out, the roof needs considerable repair, after which it might last three to five years. Without these repairs, they stood a good chance of roof leaks this winter, their first in the home.

Gutters and downspouts are, of course, part of the roof system and need to be thoroughly inspected as well. Both are also related to drainage problems. This can happen when water from downspouts is allowed to discharge near or along the foundation. This is a situation I

see frequently. Good home inspectors point this out during their inspections.

Not all homeowners understand that water from gutters and downspouts needs to be led away from the foundation, preferably by directing it into a drainage system. Over time, if this is not taken care of, it can lead to mold, mildew, pest control damage and, worst of all, rotation of the foundation.

Pest control work and roofs

It is not uncommon for a pest control report to say that part of their work will disturb the roof and that it is the homeowner's responsibility to repair the damage. The average seller does not realize this will be an additional expense which can be determined only by having a roofer bid on the disturbed section of the roof.

If this also slips by his agent's attention, it can lead to unpleasant, last-minute arguments between buyer and seller over who will pay. If the work is overlooked, or not done, it can result in a leaky roof and possible interior damage.

Scheduling

As winter approaches, you need to allow a sufficient lead time for drainage and roof inspections, bids

and repairs. Predictably, many homeowners wait until the rainy season to call in these professionals, which, in turn, gets them backed up in their work.

Drainage contractors and roofers prefer to work in dry weather. It can be difficult, or too dangerous, for them to work in rains. Foul weather can slow them back in their schedules.

Final thoughts

Drainage and roofs are expensive systems to repair. This is why they require your close attention. Money you spend on inspections is a worthwhile investment in deciding which bids to accept for roof or drainage work, remembering that cheapest is not always best. Conversely, the highest bidder may not be the most skilled. Hire only those who come recommended based on a history of positive recommendations.

Call me for copies of my numerous, related articles: *Check Drainage and Home Inspections*.

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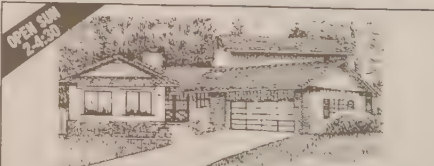
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An era's last hurrah

As the Victorian Era drew to a close, the mania of home builders for sawn-wood decoration and applied ornament reached its logical extreme in the last truly Victorian style—the outlandish Queen Anne.

This style was largely a conglomeration of motifs from earlier Victorian styles and the final flowering of a romantic-minded era, the last popular style created before the Victorian Era ended with the passing of its namesake in 1901.

The name Queen Anne was first applied to Victorian domestic architecture in the mid 1870s in England. Architects on London's fashionable West End were trying to come up with a new style to suit the ever fancier tastes of their nouveau riche clients. They had already drawn from past styles such as Gothic, Italian, Renaissance, Elizabethan and Jacobean.

Somehow some of these architects hit upon the idea of blending elements of all these earlier styles and naming this new "style" after a monarch whose name hadn't been used by any Victorian-era home builders before: Queen Anne.

This monarch had a relatively short and uneventful reign (1702 to 1714) and during her time on the throne, England was making a transition from Jacobean to Georgian architecture.

Beside the hybrid nature of the buildings from her reign, her name

also sounded flowery enough to fit the ornate new style these architects wanted to create.

The Queen Anne style first hit the East Coast in the late 1870s. It worked its way to the West Coast by 1880 and remained popular throughout the United States until the end of the Victorian era.

A 1884 edition of the popular magazine California Architect and Building News summed up the outlandish character of the Queen Anne style in an imaginary conversation between an architect and his client—one which may well have taken place given the spirit of the times.

The home builder brings the architect his own set of plans for review and approval before deciding to hire the architect to oversee the construction of his dream house. A brief discussion then follows in the architect's office.

Architect: Well, that is a pretty fair house plan for an amateur—only you have no place for stairways and closets. Did you make it up yourself?

Builder (beaming with pride): Yes. But the only thing that puzzles me is to know what style of cottage it is. It is not Gothic, nor Italian, nor—

Architect: No it's absolutely nothing. As to style—it's simply a meaningless hodgepodge, to be frank with you.

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From the carriage stone in the far right corner of the photo to the cresting along the rooflines, this Queen Anne cottage bespeaks the decadence of the end of an architectural era.

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what type of agency exists when an offer is presented. The problem with dual agency is that no one in such a position can honestly perform as a true fiduciary because it becomes contradictory.

"That can be argued and it is argued constantly," said Krackeler. "Attorneys are not allowed to act as dual agent. It would be the same as acting on behalf of both plaintiff and defendant. Or in a divorce, representing both the husband and the wife."

The problem also arises because it is difficult to have an exclusive relationship with a buyer. Typically, sellers sign a listing form, a contract which is an exclusive right to sell. Buyers do not normally do that.

In fact, they may balk at the idea of signing a buyer's agency agreement, the Exclusive Authorization to Acquire Real Property (Buyer-Broker Agreement), form AAP-14 published by the California Association of Realtors.

The California Department of Real Estate (DRE) publishes two primary books dealing with the profession, "Real Estate Law" and the "Reference Book." The "Reference Book" contains a discussion of conduct regarding fiduciary responsibility which explains how an agent owes a loyalty to their client and is prohibited from personally profiting from this relationship with the exception of an agreed upon compensation for services.

The courts, according to the DRE, have equated the duty of an agent to

a principal with the duty owed by a trustee to a beneficiary. The key word here is "trustee" and the root of the term "fiduciary" is Latin for trust or confidence.

"In a simple real estate transaction there is a conflict of interest," Krackeler explained. "Their (buyer and seller) interests are the same in that they both want to close escrow, but many times their positions are different."

One could argue that in any conflict of interest situation, such as a real estate deal, dual agency is highly inappropriate because one of the four fiduciary duties is to act solely for the benefit of the principal.

Breach of fiduciary duty can be a violation of both the Business and Professions Code and the Civil Code. But the DRE says they receive few complaints in this area.

That's probably because licensees today are well educated and the subject is taught in continuing education courses and in real estate school.

Every four years agents must complete their continuing education courses including trust-fund handling, agency and ethics, all of which deal with fiduciary responsibility.

The happy result is few agents or brokers transgress. However, it is easy to see how anyone in a position of trust might take advantage of the situation. It would not be a topic in the texts if there had not been problems in the past.

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

DAVID LYONS



A recent client and two adult siblings recently inherited their family home. The client had already been living there for some time and wanted to stay. Her siblings were content with that arrangement, as long as she was willing to buy out their interests at current market value.

A lawyer had obtained a value for the home by the most common and least expensive means available — he called in a probate referee. For a modest fee, in this case \$100, the probate referee did a desk-top evaluation based on public data of recent sales. The referee had come up with a value of \$300,000, which meant that my client would have to pay \$200,000 for the remaining two thirds interest.

She did a little asking around to some local real estate people and decided her home was worth less than the probate referee had estimated. She contacted me and I agreed to do an appraisal.

I followed the procedure mandated by the Uniform Standards of

Second opinion can be healthy

Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). I made a personal inspection of the home, measuring its size along the outer walls. I then made a detailed inspection of both the interior and exterior, noting the precise number of rooms, especially bedrooms and baths, as well as the quality and condition of all appointments, inside and out. As a result of my inspection, I found two things that caused my opinion of value to differ drastically from the one arrived at by the probate referee.

First, the house was considerably smaller than reported in the public records. Second, it had fewer bedrooms and bathrooms. The reason was obviously to be found in the basement area of the home. It contained a large high-ceiling, all-purpose room, a laundry room and a small half bathroom.

The whole area was surfaced in knotty pine, had inadequate heating, unusual ceiling heights and concrete flooring. The basement also had garage access. The home was built on a steep down slope with a rear patio. Obviously, the county records included the basement area as living area. Why?

If a home in Alameda County has not been modified with building permits, there is a very good chance that it has not been inspected by the county since it was built in the '20s, '30s or '40s. At that time,

interior square footage was not as clearly separated into living area and basement as it is today. Our more stringent building codes require such things as proper ceiling heights and adequate window or door exits for bedrooms.

I treated the living area and the basement separately according to the principles of appraisal laid down by the Appraisal Institute in its texts and classes on residential appraising. The living area was valued at a higher dollar amount than the knotty pine basement. I then compared the home to recent sales of homes with similar floor plans and basements in the neighborhood.

After about eight hours of research, inspection and analysis, I came up with a complete appraisal indicating a value estimate of

\$255,000. This meant the client's information from local estate professionals was correct. She now had an appraisal by a certified Residential Appraiser and her siblings. Their two-thirds interest in the home had now been valued at \$170,000 and my client had saved \$30,000 in price over her purchase.

David Lyons is a state-licensed residential appraiser, an active member of the Appraisal Institute and owner of East Bay Appraisal Service. Some of his previous columns and information company may be found on his Website at www.ebappraisal.com. He may be reached by e-mail at djl@ebappraisal.com or by phone at 525-6683.

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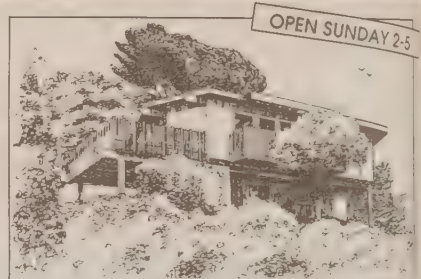
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One area of the East Bay where many of these Queen Anne villas remain intact in their original setting is Alameda's Gold Coast.

houses displayed a similar array of ornate details. There were several niches or nooks along the walls or in the corners of the main downstairs rooms where owners could display small statues, busts, urns or other bric-a-brac.

Spindles were often used as decoration between the living room and the dining room or in entry halls, where they either filled the corners of, or completely spanned the arches dividing these rooms.

Fireplaces were usually decorated with glazed "scenic tiles" depicting scenes from popular nov-

els, ancient mythology or past cultures. Elaborate overmantels, or decorative wooden structures above the fireplace mantels, often had spindles and small shelves for displaying knickknacks.

Walls were commonly covered in wainscoting, or paneling four to six feet high, made of wood, cork or pressed cardboard and often embellished with geometric patterns. Ceilings were almost always adorned with decorative plaster panels, or rosettes, above each hanging light fixture.

One area of the East Bay where a large number of these Queen Anne villas remain intact in their original setting is Alameda's Gold Coast, along the island's western shore. A drive or a stroll through the streets of the Gold Coast, bounded roughly by Central Avenue, Webster Street, Park Street and San Francisco Bay, provides a rare treat for lovers of late Victorian architecture.

No more delightful examples of the Queen Anne villa in its ultimate phase of development can be found



Oakland History Room

Complete with the almost mandatory palm tree as street furniture the villa that once stood in West Oakland has all the characteristics of the Queen Anne style.

than the two incredible concoctions that straddle the Gold Coast intersection of Willow and San Jose streets.

At 2103 San Jose Street is a classic example of a conical-turreted villa loaded with sawn wood ornament. This was originally the home of George Brown, listed in city records as a self-styled "capitalist." It was built in 1891 for \$5,200; the architect was Charles Shaner, a prominent designer-developer in

Victorian Alameda.

The zenith of Queen Anne architecture in the East Bay was achieved in the fantastic home at 2070 San Jose Street. Built in 1893 by the local developer-contractor Dennis Brehaut, the design of this residence includes literally every ornamental motif popular at the time on its multitextured facade.

It is somewhat surprising to note that available evidence indicates that there was no architect involved in

the construction, and that Brehaut took the design from a plan published in a popular pattern book.

The largest and one of the best preserved Queen Anne villas in the East Bay is the Captain James Boudrow House at 1536 Oxford Street in North Berkeley. It was built in 1889 by a retired sea captain who owned a fleet of merchant marine ships based in San Francisco Bay.

The four-story rounded tower,

balustraded stairway, cast-iron fences, carved oak front door and multiple stained-glass windows (one of which depicts Boudrow's flagship on the Bay) combine to create an aura of high Victorian elegance that is rare in today's urban scene.

America was never again to see the likes of Queen Anne architecture after it fell from popular favor at the turn of the century. To look at these opulent structures today is to stare in open-mouthed wonder and amazement.

Depending on one's point of view, for better or for worse, the Victorian era simply had to come to a close at the beginning of the 20th century.

After all where could we have gone from here?

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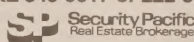
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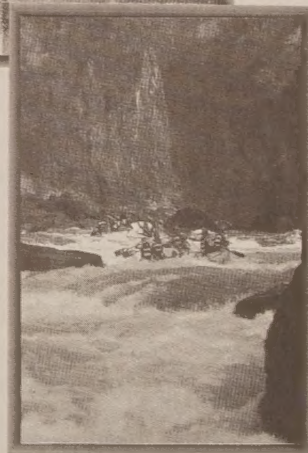


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Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

Red Oak Gallery hosts an exhibition by local artist Karen Gault through September 26. The show reflects Karen's 28 years of exploring and developing a style influenced by improvisational dance, Chinese brush painting, photo realism and impressionism. To view or purchase her paintings stop by the gallery in Red Oak Realty's offices at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley. To enjoy a sample of her work without leaving home. Log onto Red Oak Realty's Web site: www.redoakrealty.com. Call 527-3387 for more information.

Cal Fed presents a series of free **Brown Bag Lunch Time Home Buyer Seminars**. The seminars are held the third Fri. of each month. The dynamic Nate Brooks of RE/MAX in Motion will present **Sixteen Secrets every Home Buyer Should Know** 12:10 p.m., Fri., Sept. 19 at Cal Fed, 1325 Broadway in Oakland. These seminars will teach you the exact steps you'll need to protect yourself when buying a home. Call Gary Robinson at 530-4789 or Ivory Hart at 834-3392 for more information.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., Sept. 20, BEC presents **Owner**

Contracting: Project Management with contractor Scott Achelis. Carpenter/craftsman Richard Brown will be on hand Sat., Sept. 20 and Sun., Sept. 21 to present **Framing Carpentry: Hands On** and architect Sue Sutton will lead the workshop **Architectural Model Making: Hands On** Sun. Sept. 21. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority presents a free **Worm Compost Workshop**, 2 to 4 p.m. Sun. Sept. 21 at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building in Oakland. Learn how to compost yard and kitchen waste using red wigglers. Call 444-SOIL for more information.

Save money while helping Mother Nature. Come to the Oakland K-Mart, 1555 40th Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat. Sept. 27 to purchase a for Alameda County Waste Management Authority's **Home Compost Bin One-Day Sale**. The sale will feature two types of bins: the Home Composter for \$17 and the Biostack for \$38. These bins retail for as high as \$100. Call 614-1699 for more information.

Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present the free workshop **Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying Your Own Home**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat. Sept. 27 at 1225 Solano Avenue in Albany. Rub shoulders with other women who want to buy a home. Learn

about investigating the best neighborhoods, setting priorities, teaming with industry professionals and get an overview of the buying process. Become an educated consumer regarding loan/income qualifications and documentation, loan and interest rate choices and advertising. Learn strategies to minimize closing costs. Reservations are required. Call 718-2134.

Orchard Nursery of Lafayette invites you to its **Harvest Festival: An Artful Gathering**. On Sat., Sept. 27 Learn to "Stay Healthy," experience the "Good Earth," join the kids for some "Clownin' Around" and make your own garden gold with "Home Composting for Busy People." On Sun., Sept. 28 take a "Walk on the Wild Side" and learn the "Art of Paper." Call Orchard at 284-4474 for more information.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity** with a

Proven Product. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

The **Orchid Society of California** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members' plant sale before the meeting. Orchid lecturers share their knowledge and provide plants for a raffle. Join the camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 531-1210 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047, Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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Gardening books to loan

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center Inc. has a library with emphasis on books on plants, gardening and horticulture.

The library has 300 reference books available for use at the library and 900 circulating books that circulate for a period of 30 days.

The books are available to all

Bay Area residents for the annual fee of \$2.

The library, located in the Garden Center Building in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, is open Thursdays 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays).

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EXPANDS

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

1474 GRANDVIEW, Claremont Hills 3+bd/3+ba, nw constr, pano vws \$925,000 Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460

27 KING AVE, New listing! Spanish Med, 3/2, aupair, solarium, patio \$875,000 Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174

6054 MAZUELA DR, 5bd/4+ba, dramatic fam rm, bay/canyon vws \$850,000 Mason-McDuffie, Estelle Kent 845-0200 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

6205 MATHIEU, Rockridge 4/3+ nw country tudor, quality craftsmanship \$759,000 Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

5455 HILLTOP CRES, Rockridge 4/4+, custom, fab pano wsl deck \$759,000 Pacific Union, Joe Knowland 339-6460

10063 BROADWAY TER, Just listed! Montclair 4/3+ newer contemp \$689,000 Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

1098 AMITO, Claremont Hills, nw 4/3+ custom, mstr w/frpl, fab vwl \$639,000 Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

131 WILDING LN, Spectacular new constr nr Hillcrest elem. school, \$639,000 4/3+ studio, office, deck. By Owner 601-7347/Pager 446-0415 SUNDAY 1-4

6431 BROOKSIDE, Lovely home, level-1n, 4bd, family room \$629,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehnkind 644-5466

1055 AQUARIUS WY, Montclair, beautiful new constr, 4+2/2 w/vwsl \$619,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442

20 CHAMBERS LN, See it & fall in love 4/2+1, kit/fam rm to die for! \$599,000 Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536

5316 GOLDEN GATE, Rockridge 3+bd/2+ba, stunning new constr! \$579,000 Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

622 CARLSTON AVE, Crocker, classic 40's, 4/3+, library, garden \$549,000 The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

5925 WESTOVER AV, Montclair, MBR w/frpl/jacuzzi, gourm.kit, 3/2+ \$549,000 The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400

6173 GIRVIN DR, Montclair 4/3, elegance, huge kit, view, kit/fam rm \$549,000 Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

5601 BALMORAL, Live in your own park! Level 1 acre, zoned \$549,000 for horses. Trad'l one story, 3/2+, family rm. Edward Bell Realty 339-9398

5560 COMPANY CLUB, Claremont Pines, 3/2+, private, remod kit/ba \$549,000, Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

6555 THORNHILL DR, Valuel 3/2+ craftsman w/warmth, office, FDR \$495,000 Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

5780 BALMORAL, Oakland Hills, 1st time open! 3+bd/2ba \$479,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ruth Bittman 869-4201

868 TRESTLE GLEN RD, Beautiful upgraded 3bd/2+ba on dbl lot \$469,500 Gadsby & Associates, Abby 748-5300

6848 ARMOUR DR, Montclair 4bd/3+ba, a rare find! quality, views! \$465,000 Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

4201 SKYPOINT CT, Ridgmont, 3/2, FDR, study, deck, hot tub \$459,000 Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174

7032 SAYRE Dr, Montclair, 2 bldgs for the price of 1. Remod 4/2 \$459,000 +sep 7 rm office/in-law. Immaculate! OWC/Trade A&M 339-3400 SUNDAY 1-5

5231 GOLDEN Gate, Updtd 20's Spanish bungalow, 3/2 w/mstr suite \$425,000 The GRUBB Company, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400

1951 OAKVIEW DR, Gracious Spanish Med, xtra lg fam rm, bay vws \$425,000 Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000 X237

7188 SAYRE DR, Montclair, fab garden hot tub, 3/2+ contemp, more \$419,000 Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174

8201 SKYLINE CIR, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds w/2+ba HIGH \$300,000+ and up

4622 REDWOOD RD, Lower Ridgmont, 3bd/2+ba, pano view villa \$399,000 Cornish & Carey, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

21 CAPTAINS COVE, Hiller, 4/4 (3 mstr suites), SF & bridge view \$395,000 Coldwell Banker, Olive Hammerel 339-1174

6915 PINEHAVEN, Montclair, 5bd/2+ba, close in, dbl entry, lg rms \$389,500 Cornish & Carey 339-8900 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

6916 RIDGEWOOD, Montclair, 4/2 upgraded contemp, huge decks \$379,000 Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460

6719 CHELTON DR, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, valuel tranquil setting \$362,500 Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

12540 BROOKPARK, Parkridge, 5bd/3ba, open fir plan, lg lot, deck \$359,000 Cornish & Carey, Vickie Chan Case 339-8900

2159 MASTLANDS DR, Montclair, 4bd/3b, updt'd, rumpus, creekside \$359,000 Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460

3350 BRUNELL DR, Oakland Hills, 4bd/3ba, private, bay vw, 1/2 acre \$359,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Jeffrey Himmel 644-5464

5851 SNAKE RD, Montclair 4bd/3ba, 1/3 acre, walk to Village \$354,000 Cornish & Carey, Nick Lavrov 525-2727

3510 RUBIN DR, Joaquin Miller, 3/2, new listing, unique, garden \$349,000 Cornish & Carey, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

3938 OAKMORE RD, 4bd/2ba lovely trad'l, grt location, move in! \$349,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

6433 WESTOVER DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, family rm, mstr, deck \$349,000 Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460

6719 CHELTON DR, Montclair 4/3, reduced! unbeatable valuel \$349,000 Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

4106 OAKMORE, Spacious 4bd/2ba, lovely flrs, wkspc, upgrades \$345,000 Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 482-3576

1538 TRESTLE GLEN RD, 3/1+, charm, hwdws, lg LR w/frpl, FDR \$345,000 Coldwell Banker, Ellen Lancaster 339-1174

3750 LAKESHORE AV, Trad'l Med, classic fir plan, 3+bd, bonus rm \$339,000 The GRUBB Company, Anlan Tunney 339-0400

2269 MASTLANDS, Montclair 4bd/3ba, perfect for sharing, large \$339,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

678 ARIMO, New listing! 3bd/1ba+ diamond in the rough/hnds TLC \$339,000 Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

5910 LA SALLE, Montclair, 3/2+, frydman 898-9406 \$339,000 Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Vicki Friedman 898-9406

1773 INDIAN WY, Montclair 3bd/2ba, grt setting & street, nw listing \$337,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

6879 BRISTOL DR, Claremont Hills, sunfilled, 3/2, home office \$335,000 The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

45 OAK HILL CIR, 4+bd/3ba w/unusual space \$325,000 Mason-McDuffie, Sherri Oakley 428-0900

1536 WELLINGTON, 2/2+, blend of old world charm & renovation \$319,900 Coldwell Banker, Karen Lum 339-1174

5840 ASCOT DR, Montclair, 3bd/3ba country trad'l, woodsy setting \$319,000 Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

6 CORTEZ CT, Curb appeal, 3bd/3ba, rec rm, remod kit, cul-de-sac \$319,000 Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174

6906 SARONI DR, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, fam rm w/frpl, fenced garden \$319,000 Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

1206 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker, 2+1 tudor, new listing! remod kit/ba \$319,000 Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

4700 GERANIUM PL, Redwood Hts, immaculate/serene 5/3, decks \$315,000 Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

2041 MELVIN RD, Oakmore, 1st open! 3/2+, lg kit, vaulted ceilings \$309,000 The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

6638 SARONI DR, Montclair, 3/3 nr village, FDR, 2 decks, bay vw \$309,000 The GRUBB Company, Judy Hankankan 339-0400

4383 TERRABELLA, Montebello Terrace, 3bd/2+ba, exc. condition \$308,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

4416 REINHARDT DR, Redwood Hts, 3bd/3ba, den, 3000sf remodel \$299,500 Cornish & Carey, Mel Copland 339-2109

10514 ROYAL OAK, Sequoyah, 3bd/2+ba rancher, restful setting \$299,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

582 WALAVISTA AVE, Lakeshore, 4bd/2ba grand trad'l, potential+ \$299,000 Cornish & Carey, Lyn Murray 339-8900 X227

341 62nd AVE, Huge yard & perfect location, cosmetic fixer \$299,000 Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174

2223 MELVIN RD, Upr Oakmore, new listing! 3/2 w/decks, bay vwl \$297,000 Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Gayle Tantau 898-9409

6239 ELDERBERRY DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, new listing! rumpus \$295,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

6636 HEARTWOOD, Montclair 2+bd/2ba, remod kit, cute, private \$289,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

4654 COMMONWEALTH DR, Oakland Hills, New listing! 3bd/2ba \$289,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pam Cornford 869-4213

14 BOWLES PL, Crocker, 2+2 tudor, 1st open! cul-de-sac, grds \$279,000 Pacific Union, Pat Dedekian 339-6460

6233 THORNHILL, Montclair, 2+bd, very charming Carmel style \$279,000 Mason-McDuffie, Marlene Daniels 428-0900

5835 VIRMAR, 3bd/1ba Rockridge charmer, hwdws, pvt yd, bsmt \$279,000 Thornwall Properties, Colleen Larkin 848-1950 X240 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

1177 HOLMAN RD, Crocker, 3/1 w/many improvements, deep lot \$279,000 Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

705 SANTA RAY, Crocker, updt'd 4/2, formal LR/DR, rumpus, lg yd \$274,000 The GRUBB Company, John Karmay 339-0400

385 BELLEVUE, Adams Point, 4bd/1+ba, 2-car garage, yd, extras! \$269,000 Art Realty 465-4805 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

7122 HOMEWOOD, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, light & airy, huge decks \$269,000 Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460

5640 SNAKE RD, Montclair, wonderful totally level retreat \$269,000 Mason-McDuffie, Marlene Daniels 428-0900

4530 CLAREWOOD DR, Rockridge 2bd/2+ba, lg choice townhouse \$269,000 Cornish & Carey 339-8900

424 61st ST, Rockridge, huge 4+bd/2ba fixer across frm Colby PK \$269,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

4525 HARBORD, Upr Rockridge, 2bd/1ba, charming bungalow, FDR \$269,000 Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

3438 MONTEREY BL, 3bd/3ba, nds a little TLC, has in-law set-up \$269,000 Gadsby & Associates, Joe 748-5300

2422 WILBUR, Dimond, huge 3/2 w/FDR, fam rm, big kitchen & yard \$269,000 Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501

4016 FRUITVALE, Lower Oakmore, 3bd/2ba, redone to perfection \$269,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239

4351 TOWNSEND, Glenview, gentle fixer, 3bd craftsman \$269,000 Mason-McDuffie, Marlene Daniels 428-0900

5744 GRISBORNE, Montclair, 1+bd/1ba, absolutely charming! \$269,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212

4321 GILBERT, Piedmont Ave, 5bd/2ba, 2-story craftsman, hwdws \$269,000 Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

7 DUNCAN WAY, Montclair, 2bd/1ba, new listing! sunny rms, fab yd \$269,000 Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

4076 WHITTLE, Upr Dimond, 3+1/2+, updt'd kit/baths, hwdws, yd, gar \$269,000 Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460

5420 LAWTON, Rockridge charmer, 2/1 bungalow, 1/2 College Ave \$269,000 Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174

209 SAMARIA LN, Oakland Hills, 2bd/2ba townhome w/minor view \$269,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vikki Landes 869-4225

4232 LINCOLN AVE, Lincoln Hts 2bd/2ba, views, beautiful garden \$269,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rose Jellison 644-5401

4550 REINHARDT DR, Redwd Hts 2/1, vw, add'l bd/bath w/sep entry \$269,000 Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

2520 ALIDA, New listing! charming 2bd, painted in & out, hwdws \$269,000 Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392

4048 NORTON AVE, Redwood Hts, 2/1, new listing! bay vw, private \$269,000 Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

652 62nd ST, Large & lovely 3bd/2ba, nice area \$269,000 Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Demetrius 869-3740

To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA		ALBANY		PIEDMONT	
105 Avington Rd. - \$266,500	2960 Piedmont Ave. - \$705,000	5426 El Camile Ave. - \$160,000	934 Bridge Rd. - \$249,000	TOTAL SALES: 6	
102 Britt Ct. - \$244,000	2415 Russell St., 3 - \$160,000	5501 Fernhoff Rd. - \$472,500	257 California Ave. - \$110,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$128,000	
1023 Elm St. - \$199,000	935 San Benito Rd. - \$412,000	763 Franklin St. #316 - \$95,000	16105 Carolyn St. - \$162,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$262,000	
1019 Fairview Ave. - \$225,000	809 Shattuck Ave. - \$380,000	2863 Georgia St. - \$105,000	1400 Carpenter, 430 - \$128,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$178,833	
1017 Gilbert Lane - \$445,000	1760 Sonoma Ave. - \$339,000	33 Graeagle - \$215,000	475 Dolores Ave. - \$155,000	BERKELEY	
1035 Grove St. - \$445,000	2115 Spaulding Ave. - \$246,000	630 Haddon Rd. - \$215,000	15661 Fantail Circle - \$246,000	TOTAL SALES: 26	
1023 Ironwood Rd. - \$255,000	1109 Spruce St. - \$418,000	4820 Harbord Dr. - \$195,000	1597 Fir Ave. - \$180,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000	
1025 Lincoln Ave. - \$100,000	1539 Visalia Ave. - \$345,000	8359 Iris St. - \$143,000	552 Juana Ave. - \$128,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,153,500	
1043 Melrose Ave. - \$174,000	1874 Yosemite Rd. - \$1,153,500	2 Keefer Ct. - \$382,000	14558 Juniper St. - \$175,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$409,807	
1017 Otis Dr. - \$124,000	EL CERRITO		14250 Maracaibo Rd. - \$177,000	EL CERRITO	
1067 Pacific Ave., 2 - \$335,000	1201 Brewster Dr. - \$356,000	5814 La Salle Ave. - \$330,000	15109 Shining Star - \$332,500	TOTAL SALES: 7	
1000 Regent St. - \$213,000	2363 Carquinez Ave. - \$270,000	2316 Lake Shore, 1 - \$155,000	1153 Tulane Ave. - \$193,500	LOWEST PRICE: \$205,000	
1042 Regent St. - \$265,000	1543 Elm St. - \$226,000	4115 Lake Shore - \$385,000	458 Violet St. - \$134,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$356,000	
1028 Sand Beach Rd. - \$243,000	6838 Glen Mawr - \$257,500	3768 Leighton St. - \$106,000	53 Williams St. - \$157,000	AVERAGE PRICE: \$260,642	
1034 Santa Clara - \$260,000	2632 Mira Vista Dr. - \$205,000	1842 Leimert Blvd. - \$569,000	SAN LORENZO		EL SOBRANTE
1001 Shoreline, 104 - \$176,500	711 Norvell St. - \$304,000	5440 Locksley Ave. - \$269,500	16015 Bertero Ave. - \$147,500		TOTAL SALES: 9
1001 Shorepoint Ct. - \$91,000	6802 Tahoe Pl. - \$206,000	1124 Mandana Blvd. - \$350,000	16281 Galway Ct. - \$110,000		LOWEST PRICE: \$85,000
1009 Versailles Ave. - \$405,000	EL SOBRANTE		1225 Via Coralla - \$125,000		HIGHEST PRICE: \$289,000
1031 Via Bonita - \$199,000	771 Alhambra Rd. - \$119,500	812 M L K Jr Way - \$190,000	920 Via Enrico - \$200,000		AVERAGE PRICE: \$178,777
1000 Victoria Bay - \$333,000	5451 Cabrillo Sur - \$207,000	266 Mather St. - \$220,500	17217 Via Estrella - \$135,000		EMERYVILLE
1027 Washington St. - \$223,000	351 Joan Vista St. - \$178,000	6101 Mazuela Dr. - \$850,000	16147 Via Harriet - \$205,000		TOTAL SALES: 5
1013 Yorkshire Pl. - \$329,500	423 Joan Vista St. - \$85,000	5924 Merriewood Dr. - \$350,000	83 Via Hermosa - \$170,000		LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
ALBANY		22 Neva Ct. - \$540,000	16081 Via Olinda - \$175,000		HIGHEST PRICE: \$250,000
1067 Jackson St., 4B - \$169,000	3909 La Crescenta Rd. - \$149,500	5633 Oak Grove Ave. - \$337,500	SALES STATS BY CITY		AVERAGE PRICE: \$148,000
1012 Johnson St. - \$205,000	20 Lupine Ct. - \$238,000	6120 Oakdale Ave. - \$107,500	ALAMEDA		OAKLAND
1055 Pierce St., 409B - \$147,000	130 Renfrew Ct. - \$289,000	245 Perkins St., 509 - \$87,500	TOTAL SALES: 22		TOTAL SALES: 51
1055 Pierce St., 3315 - \$162,000	5460 S. Pab. Dam Rd. - \$116,000	5723 Picardy Dr. - \$173,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$91,000		LOWEST PRICE: \$87,500
1055 Pierce St., 433D - \$128,000	5573 Woodview Dr. - \$227,000	4712 Reinhardt Dr. - \$260,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$445,000		HIGHEST PRICE: \$850,000
1041 Pomona Ave. - \$262,000	EMERYVILLE		AVERAGE PRICE: \$240,931		AVERAGE PRICE: \$287,431
BERKELEY		1286 61st St. - \$250,000	Ridding yourself of hazardous waste		
1000 Allston Way - \$285,000	6363 Christie, 605 - \$134,000	6363 Christie, 112 - \$115,000	This weekend may be the time to clean out the garage or get rid of that unsightly pile in the back yard or the back corner of the house. Perhaps you've been putting off the task because of "things" lying around you just don't know what to do with: the rest of that varnish from when you finally got around to finishing that table, the oil from the last time you decided to save money and change the oil in the car yourself and the or the half a can of smelly insecticide that worked so well on those invading ants (it's no wonder they left!). If there were a way to quickly and conveniently rid your household of these unwanted items, you'd certainly want to know about it. Well, Alameda County Household and Hazardous Waste may be your answer.		
1023 Ashby Pl., B - \$215,000	3860 Lusk St. - \$120,000	3860 Lusk St. - \$120,000			
1021 Bonar St. - \$196,500	OAKLAND		You can rest assured knowing that 80-85 percent of the waste collected at their facilities is either recycled or reused.		
1010 Brookside Ave. - \$801,500	4326 Allendale Ave. - \$150,000	4326 Allendale Ave. - \$150,000			
1005 California St. - \$275,000	96 Anair Way - \$165,500	4350 Arden Pl. - \$325,000	This means that only a small percentage of the waste actually makes it to a landfill.		
1065 Campus Dr. - \$692,000	6001 Ascot Dr. - \$565,000	6001 Ascot Dr. - \$565,000			
1019 Claremont Ave. - \$372,000	6240 Aspinwall Rd. - \$530,000	3834 Balfour Ave. - \$440,500	To reach Alameda County Household and Hazardous Waste call (800) 606-6606.		
1042 Colusa Ave. - \$324,000	3834 Balfour Ave. - \$440,500	21 Bay Forest Dr. - \$458,000			
1014 El Dorado Ave. - \$440,000	21 Bay Forest Dr. - \$458,000	5244 Belvedere St. - \$175,000	PIEDMONT		
1014 Ellis St. - \$170,000	5244 Belvedere St. - \$175,000	3207 Blandon Rd. - \$125,000			
1006 Euclid Ave., 2 - \$197,500	3207 Blandon Rd. - \$125,000	6106 Buena Ventura - \$135,000	TOTAL SALES: 4		
1048 Euclid Ave. - \$355,000	6106 Buena Ventura - \$135,000	5900 Buena Vista - \$820,000			
Hazel Rd. - \$439,000	5900 Buena Vista - \$820,000	6130 Colby St. - \$305,000	LOWEST PRICE: \$417,000		
1035 King St. - \$235,000	6130 Colby St. - \$305,000	3156 Cuthbert Ave. - \$100,000			
101 Miller Ave. - \$466,000	3156 Cuthbert Ave. - \$100,000	2050 East 30th St. - \$185,000	HIGHEST PRICE: \$706,000		
101 Neilson St. - \$330,000	2050 East 30th St. - \$185,000				
10 Oak Ridge Rd. - \$703,000			AVERAGE PRICE: \$583,000		

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

484 FOREST ST, Rckrdge classic Mission style 2+1/2, hwdws, value! \$199,000
Mason-McDuffie, Michelle Vasey 428-0900

3933 LYON (cross St. 38th Ave) Remodeled 4+2, lg rooms, hwdws, \$185,000
Sep in-law, big sunny yd, Chang & Hardeman, Ramona 482-3800 SUNDAY 2-4

5335 BROADWAY TER #101, Upper Rockridge, 2/2 just listed! \$179,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

2204 COLOMA, Up Fruitvale, spacious 3/1.25, nr shops, move in! \$178,500
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

2730 MONTICELLO, Maxwell Park, 3bd/1ba, FDR, recent remodel \$168,000
National Real Estate Service, Charles Rivers 482-2380

8745 BURR, 3bd/2ba, family rm, Incredible unobstructed panoramic \$165,000
View of the bay! Bickley Real Estate, John Bickley 769-1608 SUNDAY 2-4

7588 CIRCLE HILL DR, Oakland Hills, 2bd/1ba, charm, FDR, garden \$164,000
Cornish & Carey, Anida Weyl 339-8900

2327 38th AVE, Single level 3bd bungalow, nw roof/heat/plumb/elect \$159,000
Harbor Bay Realty, Jane Friedrich 521-6892

7869 CREST AVE, 1st open Oakland Hills, 3/2, bay vw, ofc/wkshop \$159,000
Cornish & Carey, Anida Weyl 339-8900

3948 FRUITVALE AV, 2/1 bungalow, nw listing, deck, value, charm \$159,000
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

2281 MADERA, Maxwell Park, 2+bd/1ba, recent remodel \$158,000
National Real Estate Service, Charles Rivers 482-2380

3029 GEORGIA ST, 2bd/1b cottage, unique character, pvt garden \$157,000
Gadsby & Associates, George Gadsby 748-5300

2042 EARL, Cute starter, move in condition! 2/1, den, lg backyard \$155,000
Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000 X274

4306 WALNUT, 2/1 1/2, fam rm, att'd & det'd gar - perfect for studio \$151,000
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100

7332 13th AVE, 3bd/2ba, immaculate just move in! \$150,000
Gadsby & Associates, George 748-5300

1340 EAST 36th St, Nw list! Glenview, 2bd bungalow, remod kit/ba \$149,500
Gallagher & Lindsey, Kathy 747-1627/Carol 747-1628 SATURDAY 2-4

3265 WISCONSIN, Unusual 1+bd cottage, fam rm & wkshop down \$149,500
Wells & Bennett, Hoida Novelo 531-4633

8608 SUNNYMERE AVE, 2bd/1ba, Immaculate starter, come see! \$146,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Erik Johnson 869-4246

2065 FLORIDA, Laurel, clean 2bd/1+ba, garage, beautiful gardens \$142,000
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCann 339-6460

7721 FRUITVALE "B", 2/2/1 charming 3-story townhome! \$139,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Erik Johnson 869-4246

3400 MOUNTAIN, Oakland, 2 bedrooms/2 baths \$138,000
Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2960 PARK BL, 3bd/1ba, 1600 sf, freshly decorated, central heat, \$134,900
basement, fireplace, double garage, Owner 524-3441

773 46th St, Lg 2+bd/1ba home, Full finished bsmt, new kitchen, \$124,900
updated electrical/plumbing, "As Is", Loan Svcs Unlimited 893-7099 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 Principals Only

602 STATEN #102, Lake Merritt, 1bd/1ba, move right in! views! \$119,000
Cornish & Carey, Tom Erwin 339-8900 X230

540 WAKEFIELD, Spacious 3/1 1/2, 1760 sf, frpl, hwdws, big yard \$115,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Susan Cascone 286-7571

280 PERKINS ST, 1bd/1ba, Foreclosure, Seller says bring all offers! \$83,950
Marino Real Estate 523-9300 OPEN SATURDAY 2-4

500 VERNON #113, Grand Lake, 1/1 garden condo, price reduced \$72,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

27 WINELLE CT, 3bd, frpl, gazebo, spa, cathedral ceilings \$262,000
Coldwell Banker, Elena Stone 339-1174 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

2261 CAPE COD CT, 2bd/2ba, frpl, closets+, 2-car gar, pvt yd, nr all \$165,000
Mason-McDuffie, Darin Tinsley 834-2010 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

ALBANY Open Sunday

926 CORNELL, 2bd w/plur rm for office, den or guests, nice yd \$259,000
Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Dee Plunkett 279-9506 SUNDAY 2:30-4:30

1431 THOUSAND OAKS, 2bd/1ba charming split-level, lovely pvt yd \$229,000
Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Stein 848-1950 X230 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

603 EVELYN, 1st open trad'l 2+1/2, hwdws, frpl, FDR, yd, patio, nw flr \$229,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

7067 DEVON WAY, Claremont Hills, 3/2 1/2 Medit Masterpiece, vws! \$890,000
Cornish & Carey, Harry Kress 531-2140

2 GRAVATT, Private aerie, bay vws! wine cellar, sep.studio w/bath \$795,000
Templeton Company, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

10 ARDEN, New price! Panoramic Hill vw home, 3/2 1/2, gourmet kit \$755,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2915 AVALON AVE, 4/3 by Warren Perry, sep. studio w/kit/bath \$599,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400

2909-11 REGENT ST, Grt brown shingle 4-plex w/sep. house in rear \$575,000
Templeton Company, Marlene Leverette 652-2133 X121 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3 SENIOR AVE, 3bd/3 1/2ba (three bdrm suites), nw office/fam rm \$529,000
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460

1880 SAN ANTONIO, 1st open 5+3, location/style/vws/amenities! \$469,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30

12 TWAIN, Fab bay views! Contemp 3bd w/fam rm or au pair, lg lot \$395,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

2636 STUART ST, Heart of Elmwood, 4bd/1 1/2ba, beautiful LR \$359,000
Realty Advocates 428-0757

500 BOYNTON, 3+bd/2ba, Berkeley Hills, lg yard, hardwoods \$335,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X203 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

189 FAIRLAWN, 3bd/1+ba, serene hillside setting, lg pvt deck \$299,000
Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Stein 848-1950 X230 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1707 BANCROFT, Berkeley, cottage + office \$269,000
Coldwell Banker, Barbara Marienthal 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

Albany

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arrested, cited and released.

• On Sept. 11 officers found a 26-year-old transient man from Lafayette for sleeping in an alley on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue. He was found to have an outstanding warrant from South San Francisco in the amount of \$300. He was arrested, cited and released.

• On Sept. 11 a resident on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue reported that her '86 Toyota was stolen from in front of her house.

• On Sept. 12 a business owner on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway reported that during the night thieves stole the tires and rims off her blue Honda. She had found the car sitting on blocks.

• On Sept. 12 the principal Albany Middle School reported that someone had just stolen a laptop computer from one of the classrooms.

• At about 10:45 p.m. on Sept. 12 a resident on the 1300 block of

Portland Avenue reported that vandals threw eggs at her vehicle which was parked in her driveway. There was no damage as the eggs washed off.

• On Sept. 13 a resident on the 800 block of Masonic reported that during the night vandals threw eggs on her driveway and car.

• On Sept. 13 officers stopped a 30-year-old Oakland man for a vehicle code violation and found he had an outstanding \$811 warrant for driving with a suspended license. He was arrested, cited and released.

During the week of Sept. 7 officers fingerprinted 13 people at their request, towed two cars, responded to 38 false alarms, attended to eight lost or deceased animals, assisted eight people locked out of their houses or cars and responded to three reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers intervened in two domestic disputes, 10 civil disturbances and 29 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to five fire calls and eight medical emergencies.

El Cerrito

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then used the opener to gain entrance to the garage and stole a bicycle.

• A Pinole man was found to be operating a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol on Sept. 8 at 12:45 p.m.

• Someone entered an unlocked Dodge Caravan parked on the 2600 block of Monte Vista and stole a cellular phone and television between Sept. 6 and 7. On Aug. 15, someone stole a cellular phone and a spare set of keys from an unlocked Jeep Cherokee parked on the 2300 block of Carqueize.

• A 30-year-old black male, standing at 5-foot-9, weighing about 150 pounds, and wearing a black beret and a cream colored suit, walked into a gas station on the 11600 block of San Pablo on Sept. 8 at 2:25 a.m. He purchased cigarettes and then brandished a semi-automatic pistol, walked behind the counter, took cash from the register

and fled.

• A black wallet was found at Cerrito Vista Park on Sept. 8 and turned in to ECPD property.

• On Sept. 9, at a store on the 5800 block of Cutting, a Vallejo woman concealed merchandise and attempted to leave without paying. She was arrested for petty theft. On Sept. 9, an Oakland man left the Plaza Lucky with items not paid for and was arrested for petty theft. An Albany female was arrested after leaving Long's Drugs with items not paid for on Sept. 9.

• On Sept. 9 at 11:30 p.m., a Berkeley man was pulled over at Central and I-80 and found to be in possession of about 80 grams of marijuana for sale.

• A Berkeley man was pulled over on Central and Yolo on Sept. 9 and was found to be in possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

• On Sept. 6, at 1:45 a.m., someone broke into a vehicle parked in front of a residence on the 7400

block of Moeser. The suspect then broke a window of the residence and entered, but was scared off by the resident.

• On Sept. 10 at 2:24 p.m., a black woman in her 30s or 40s, about 5-foot-6, weighing about 130 pounds, and wearing a purple sweatshirt entered a bank on the 10700 block of San Pablo. She presented the teller with a robbery note, keeping her

left hand in her purse, and the foot after placing the cash in the purse.

• A Benicia man pulled over on Sept. 9 was found to be operating a vehicle while intoxicated. August 23 at 2 a.m., a Richmond man was pulled over at San Pablo and Hill and found to be driving while intoxicated.

Visions

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alternative D, which attendees seemed interested in. Alternative D accentuated the greatest possible mix of uses, heights and designs, including a dispersal of live/work space, multifamily housing, office space, open space, institutional use (such as day care), with night-time entertainment and ground-floor retail.

However, in the end it wasn't

clear which scenarios remained on the table.

Several people still stood by the written scenarios, pushed from one to the other, after everyone else had left. "I sense of what the community wants," said Economic Planning System's Jim Musbach. "I think it's all feasible," he could make something of it, said, "I think it's all feasible," simply a matter of mix and match.

Automobile Sales & Services



A Special Feature Of The Advertising Department



by Karen Senzig

It's that time of the year again that the new models have been unveiled and last year's remaining inventory usually see their biggest discounts. So, I turned to my main resource 'The 1997 New Car Buying Guide' by Consumer Reports to find out what they considered to be their Best of the Best.

With so many new models introduced this year and in recent years, your choices are wider than ever. But several models, according to Consumer Reports, deserve special attention. Here are Consumer Reports' top choices.

Best Family Sedan. The Toyota Camry has been Consumer Reports' favorite among moderately priced sedans for years. Extensively redesigned for 1997, it continues to lead the crowded class in

Out of Gas...

which it competes. It rides and handles like a luxury car, it's very quiet inside and well laid out. Like most Toyotas, it should be reliable.

Best Small Sedan. This is a close call, with the Mazda Protégé barely edging out the Honda Civic. For a small car, the Protégé has an unusually roomy rear seat, and it provides the comfort and refinement of a larger, heavier and more expensive car. It, too, has been reliable.

Best Sport Utility Vehicle. The Ford Explorer offers the best combination of overall performance and cargo space. Recent tests (June 1997) show that it and the Jeep Grand Cherokee now edge out Consumer Reports' previous choice, the Toyota 4-Runner, by a significant margin. The Explorer accelerates and brakes significantly better than the last models Consumer Reports tested (the 1995 Version). It also handles better and has shown better reliability than any U.S. made Sport Utility Vehicle of late. The Explorer offers optional full-time four wheel drive in the V8 model.

Best Small Sport Utility Vehicle. The Toyota RAV4 gets the nod for now, thanks to its car-like ride and handling, good fuel economy, excellent cargo access, and permanent all-wheel drive. Consumer Reports likes the manual shift version better than the automatic transmission, which tends to blunt engine performance. Also, you must be careful in tight quarters; bumper protection is practically nil. Later in 1997, Consumer Reports will be testing the RAV4's first serious competitor, the Honda CR-V.

Best Pickup Truck. Ford's recently redesigned big F-150 pickup left Consumer Reports particularly impressed with its combination of almost car-like ride and handling and work-horse cargo capacity. But Consumer Reports will not be able to predict the F-150's reliability for a while. Among compact pickups, the new Dodge Dakota is our new top choice, replacing the Ford Ranger and similar Mazda B-Series by a small margin. Like the Ford, Consumer Reports will not know about the Dodge's reliability for awhile.

Best Minivan. Chrysler Corp's twins, the Dodge Caravan and Plymouth Voyager, drive with the refined manners of a good sedan. Consumer Reports recommends only the short-bodied versions, which have been reasonably reliable. The longer bodied Grand Caravan and Grand Voyager have been consistently less reliable.

Best Regardless of Price. The luxurious Mercedes-Benz E320 remains Consumer Reports' overall standard. It manages to successfully blend qualities that often conflict: It accelerates strongly without using too much fuel. And it combines responsive handling with a quiet and composed ride. But its \$44,800 price raises the question of diminishing returns. Models like the Cadillac Catera, the Lexus ES300, Mercedes C-Class, and BMW 3-Series perform nearly as well, overall, and sell for about \$10,000 less.

Best Entry Level Car. A young person's first car is likely to be a used model, as fewer and fewer new cars have base prices of less than \$10,000. One of the best cars that you can get at a

moderate price (usually under \$6,000) is the 1989 Honda Civic-an excellent entry level car. Besides being reliable, the Civic offers safe handling, a relatively comfortable ride and good fuel economy. But before you buy a used Civic, or any used car for that matter, have a mechanic inspect it carefully.

Most Fuel Efficient Car. If extraordinary fuel economy is your only goal, the Toyota Tercel delivers. The 1995 Tercel, with a manual transmission, posted the best figures Consumer Reports recorded in several years, averaging about

39 MPG in mixed city and highway driving. The Tercel has been quite reliable, though not as expensive. It's cramped inside, and it didn't score impressively, overall, in the tests. For that reason, it is included on their list of recommended models.

If you have a question, stop by to share, send it care of Karen Senzig, to Hills Newspapers, 2 Redwood Road Oakland, 94619 or FAX it to (510) 330-533, e-mail to Ksenzig@aol.com

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